## Chapter 1 UNEXPECTED VISITORS

Three figures appeared in front of the walk leading to Snape Manor, the third waiting patiently while the two taller figures made sure no one was around before they started to head up the long walk, the tallest leading the way. Draco Malfoy was being ushered along in front of his mother Narcissa Malfoy as they made their way towards the big manor that loomed ahead of them, the perimeter surrounded by thick woods with several paths leading into them.

Lucius Malfoy, kept his eyes in full alert while leading his small family up the long walk until they reached their destination. He rapped his cane of the front door with several loud bangs, making sure that his knock was heard from the inside. The front door opened wide revealing Severus Snape with his head house elf behind him.

"Hello Lucius, Narcissa, Draco, please come in," Severus greeted them politely, allowing them to enter the manor.

"Severus, where are your two...Gryffindors?" Lucius questioned stiffly

"They should be coming down shortly..."

"No Connor wait..." "Ssss...BOOM!"

"Oops, Sorry Rave,"

The Malfoy's looked up toward the stairs after hearing the small explosion. Severus muttered curses under his breath before turning toward the staircase.

"Raven! Connor! Our guests are here...Bloody hell is that!" Severus yelled out as something that looked like a half crab, and half spider came scuttling down the stairs.

The twins scrambled out of their private parlor, looking around.

"Where'd it go?" they both exclaimed in confusion.

"If you both are looking for a strange creature, it's coming down here, and you best hurry, because it is coming straight for Mrs. Malfoy!" Severus hollered at his twins

"Oh gods!" Hally yelled with wide eyes running towards the staircase

"We're on it dad! Bloody hell! Come here you critter!" Harry shouted following suit behind his twin sister

The creature sprung into the air toward Narcissa. Narcissa let out a horrifying scream just as both twins pointed their wands out. "Petrificus Totalus!" Both twins shouted freezing the creature in a mere second. Harry grabbed the creature up from the floor swiftly, and headed back up the stairs to his and Hally's private parlor.

Severus looked down at his daughter, "What the bloody hell was that Raven?" he demanded the question to the raven-red-streak-haired-girl.

"One of our experiments dad, nothing big," Hally answered him. "It's quite harmless of course." She added

"You call going after my mother harmless little Potter?" Draco questioned with a sneer.

"We got it didn't we Malfoy?" Hally sneered at him in return

Draco took a step toward Hally being stopped. "Enough Draco. Your mother hasn't been harmed...Miss Potter," Lucius greeted Hally stiffly

"Hello Mr. Malfoy, did you replace Dobby yet...."

"Raven!" Severus warned

"I was just asking dad, honest," Hally replied truthfully, hearing a small snigger coming from Severus's house elf Screech.

"I did, thank you Miss Potter," Lucius answered in a huff just as Harry came downstairs. "And here is the other twin. Mr. Potter," he greeted Harry

"Mr. Malfoy," Harry greeted with a masked face.

Severus noticed the tension between his adopted son and Lucius Malfoy.

"Shall we go into the living parlor? Our tea should have arrived by now," Severus suggested leading the way with Harry and Hally following his closely behind him.

The Malfoy's entered the living parlor with Lucius sitting down in one of the soft black leather chair, and Narcissa sitting down in the other one beside him. Severus took a seat in his usual chair while Draco sat down on the twins' favorite sofa. Harry and Hally looked at each other, before narrowing their eyes at the platinum-blonde boy.

"Ahem Malfoy your in our seat," Harry told him

"There's another sofa Potter, go sit on it," Draco sneered

"Big mistake Malfoy," Hally grinned evilly as the two levitated Draco up from the sofa to the floor, and dropped him with a slight plop.

"Hey!" Draco shouted up at the twins as they both took their seats.

"Sit over there Malfoy," they both told him sniggering.

"Enough you three! Draco, they're attached to that sofa young man, please sit on the other one, and no more of that you two!" Severus lectured the three

"Yes s-sir," the twins sniggered while Draco sat down on the other sofa across from them.

Draco watched the twins snigger at him across from him. He glared at the two heatedly, but held his tongue from getting into trouble once more. Their family house elf Screech popped into the parlor, handing Severus a letter while he beamed at Hally.

"Young miss, not wanting to disturb you but..."

"your not disturbing me Screech, what is it?" Hally enquired with a grin on her face.

"You was chosen Mistress Raven! The national Potions competition! They chose you this year!" Screech jumped up for joy.

"What was that?" Lucius questioned, looking at Hally in shock

"Screech you must be joking, they never choose a Hogwarts student..."

"They did this year!" Screech beamed.

Severus tore open the letter, reading its contents. He looked over at his daughter, pride written upon his face. "Well done Raven, they did indeed accept your application this year," Severus announced, showing the letter as proof.

Hally's eyes went wide in shock. "Way to go Hal!" Harry grinned at his sister.

"Excuse me, I'm going to throw up now." Hally muttered, getting up and leaving the parlor.

Lucius brushed past Hally toward Severus. "There must be some mistake Severus," Lucius commented, not believing what he just heard.

"I assure you Lucius that I am not. Here is the letter of proof," Severus replied.

Lucius practically tore the letter out of his hand, reading the contents. Even Draco got up from his seat to see if it was true, leaning over Lucius's left arm, reading the letter.

Draco looked over at Harry, "She better not mess up Potter...."

"Excuse me Malfoy, but I seem to remember that Hal was the one or is the one that tutors you in Potions and several other classes. Hal is the best one in the entire school." Harry pointed out

"Yes, with you and Miss Granger following behind her Connor," Severus intervened, noticing Hally was no longer present. "Where is your sister Connor?" Severus questioned

"She said something about going to throw up now?" Harry replied, confusion clearly written on her face.

"Oh lord, there she goes." Severus muttered going to seek Hally out.

"Goes?" Harry questioned, scratching his head in bewilderment

"It's nothing Connor. Raven will tell you when she feels ready." Severus called over his shoulder.

Harry watched the two Malfoy males whisper to each other over the letter until his sister and Severus came back in sitting down.

"Um...Hal, is there something you want to talk about?" Harry asked his sister

"Not right now Harry. I'll tell you later ok?" Hally asked him in a whisper

"Ok Hal, I can wait until later," Harry answered

Lucius handed Severus back the letter, "A Gryffindor of all people...accepted to represent Hogwarts for this competition." He muttered stiffly

"And why not Lucius? Raven is quite capable to win that trophy without trouble. You are forgetting who here father is." Severus stated with pride

"I will not....cheer this...girl ...."

"Lucius!" Narcissa exclaimed getting his attention, before he did anything rash.

"Narcissa, she is a Potter...."

"Yes, but what does that have to do with it dear? She never done anything to you for this treatment," Narcissa reasoned

"Mmm...all right Narcissa, I'll let her be." Lucius relented reluctantly, then looked at Severus. "She better not foul it up Severus that is all I will say."

"That will not be a problem with Raven," said Severus. "I did not raise her to lose in any competition."

"So who is her competitor?" Lucius questioned, clearly wanting to change the subject.

"From what is says here, the student is from Durmstrang," Severus answered

"Then she's doomed to fail," Lucius replied

"Now you should know better than that Lucius, I taught Raven very well when it comes to Potions." Severus stated truthfully

"We shall see Severus." Lucius simply said, looking over at the twins. "Has Miss Potter chosen a suitor yet?" he then questioned, watching Hally roll her eyes over the subject.

"Not yet Lucius. Raven, still has time." Severus answered, knowing where Lucius was leading to once again.

"Ah. I see, well let us hope that Miss Potter chooses wisely," Lucius replied, throwing a smirk Hally's way.

Hally, however, chose to ignore the man by chatting with her brother Harry.

"By the way little Potter, where is Diggory? I'd thought that he would be here to visit you? Oh that's right, he can't come here can he, because he's got a summer job at the Ministry," Draco sneered

Hally turned her eyes towards Draco, "Better that he earns his way Malfoy, instead of living off of his parents," Hally sneered in return. Harry looked over at Draco sniggering.

"Oh and you two aren't living off of the Professor here?" Draco questioned them

"No. We have our own money thank you." The twins told him

"Whatever, I don't believe you two," Draco simply said with a snort

the twins looked over at Severus, seeing him shake his head, telling them to leave it alone. They both shrugged their shoulders, respecting their dad's wish. Severus began to open the rest of the mail that Screech put upon his desk after giving him the competition letter.

"It seems that we will be having more guests here. Igor Karkaroff just sent me this after being informed on who their competitor was," Severus announced

"Just great...," "It seems your competitor is your favorite Quidditch player Raven. Victor Krum," Severus smirked

Hally snapped her head his way. "Really? Oh yeah!" Hally exclaimed grinning from ear to ear.

"Whose Victor Krum?" Harry whispered to his sister

"He plays for Bulgaria Harry. He's the first young player ever to play a national Quidditch team," Hally answered

"Cool. Can't wait to meet him." Harry grinned then leaned towards Hally. "Are you sure that you and Cedric made the right decision on breaking up?" he suddenly asked Hally in low key.

"Harry I told you it was Cedrics decision, and I'm fine with it. Anyway we're still friends," Hally whispered

"Yeah, but..." "If he decides Harry, then it will be his choice. I can't hold it against him." Hally explained quietly.

"Okay Hal, but you know that everyone is going to find out and then the boys will be going after you big time," Harry commented

"And that's a bad thing Harry?" Hally asked

"No, it's just that the first one in line will be Ron..."

"Oh eww! You keep him away Harry James," Hally blurted out loudly

"Keep who away little Potter? Your boyfriend..."

"Oh good lord! Raven I'm not keeping quiet any longer, young man, Mr. Diggory broke it off with Raven after the school term ended. That is why he is not here." Severus spoke out

"Thanks alot dad," Hally groaned

"Oh. Didn't know little Potter. Sorry," Draco commented, then noticed the look on his father's face. It was one of triumph.

"I don't need to be pitied Malfoy, he broke it off and I was fine with it." Hally shrugged her shoulders without a care.

"Wasn't giving you any pity Potter. It's not my business if Diggory decided to chase other girls." Draco rambled out.

"Don't you two dare start another fight." Both Severus and Lucius warned the two.

"Wasn't going to," Draco commented looking innocent.

"He's not worth the fight anyway," Hally replied, when their doorbell rang.

"I got it," Harry spoke out, heading to the front door to answer it.

Voices came from the hall, with Harry's voice being one of them. A minute later Harry came with two people following him.

"Dad, Mr. Karkaroff and Victor Krum here to see you and to meet Hal here." Harry announced taking his seat beside Hally.

Severus stood up, holding his hand out. "Igor, good to see you again." Severus greeted

"Severus and with both twins...,"

"I had Raven with me first. I adopted Connor their first year at Hogwarts." Severus explained

"No matter, no matter. Miss Potter very pleased to meet you at last, this is Victor Krum your competitor." Karkaroff announced with greeting.

Hally stood up on her feet, meeting the burly bulgarian boy. "Hello," she greeted with a nod.

"Hello," he greeted, looking up and down at Hally. Harry suddenly jolted to his feet at the scene.

"Harry, don't you dare..."

"Oh all right Hal...,"

"Allyoop. I am honored to meet you," Victor Krum spoke out, interrupting the twins quickly.

"Uh it's Hally," Hally replied politely

"Sorry. Not very good with pronouncing some words," Victor explained, blushing slightly

Hally noticed him feeling uncomfortable. "Allyoop is fine...shut up Harry James." Hally warned hearing Harry snigger.

"I'm sorry Hal, but it's cute...Allyoop," Harry teased her. Hally was about to slap Harry's arm when they heard Victor laugh at the harmless teasing.

"I like them. They have very good sense of humor," Victor grinned

Draco only rolled his eyes at the scene. Victor noticed that they were wearing robes.

"You wear robes here?" he asked them both

"Only when we have company, but we can make an exception to make you feel comfortable," Hally explained before taking off her robe along with Harry.

Draco was preening over his nails as usual, when his eyes darted toward the twins, looked down before his eyes lingered on Hally's appearance. He leaned his face on the palm of his hand after propping his arm on the arm of the sofa, watching Hally quietly.

"Better?" Hally enquired to their new guest, noticing Victor nodding his head and gulping. "Uh...,"

"Sorry, don't mean to stare, just that...you very beautiful girl." Victor spoke out at last

Harry nudged Hally lightly. "Hal, he likes you." Harry grinned.

"Stop it Harry," Hally blushed

"Yeah Potter stop it. She wouldn't be interested in him." Draco blurted out with a smirk on his face.

Hally turned his way, "Who said I wouldn't be Malfoy? You? I think he's very good looking here." Hally stated

Severus cleared his throat grinning at the scene while Lucius Malfoy realized that there soon would be competition over the Potter girl from the look on his son's face.

"Why don't the children go out for awhile? The lake is ready for swimming and I believe we can find something for Mr. Krum and Draco to wear," Severus suggested

"I have something wear Professor, thank you." Victor announced politely

"Good. Connor I believe you and Draco are of the same size?" Severus suggested to Harry.

"Yeah, I guess we are. Come on Malfoy," Harry said reluctantly walking out of the main living parlor and heading upstairs with Hally following behind him as well as Victor Krum and Draco dragging behind.

Hally went to her room while Harry helped with the other two boys. "Hold it a second Malfoy. Krum...er..."

"You may call me Victor," Victor told Harry with a nod.

"All right. Victor, you can change in there across the way. Malfoy I believe you have the same room from the last time you were here to visit." Harry spoke out.

"Hold it Potter! Why am I in that room again?" Draco questioned

"Dad thought it would be easier for you to have that room again." Harry explained while heading to his room with Draco following him. He peered into Harry's room noticing a golden stitch flying about as well as the decor until Harry practically thrusted a pair of swing trunks into his hands.

"Here Malfoy, they're still brand new," Harry told him while Hally opened her door, coming out of her room to grab a book that she left on their private sofa.

"Hal, five minutes," Harry grinned at her before closing his door and leaving her and Draco out in their private parlor alone.

"Ok Harry...are you just going to stand there or are you going to go and change because I am not going to be waiting all day for you to get ready." Hally spoke out to Draco.

"I'm going little Potter, but I have one question for you. What made Diggory decide to break it off with you? Hmm?" Draco questioned her

"If you must know Malfoy, he didn't have enough time to spend with me since he started his intern job at the Ministry so he thought that it would be better to end it so I wouldn't feel like I was being dumped. There now you have the whole story, are you happy now?" Hally questioned him stiffly.

Draco Malfoy walked away with a smirk on his face. "Much little Potter. See you in five minutes," He told her turning left down the hall to his guest room while Hally made her way back into her room closing the door behind her.

Meanwhile in the Main living parlor...

"I specifically told you Lucius that it will be Raven's decision on who she chooses to marry when she comes of age." Severus stated for the third time since the four children had left.

Igor Karkaroff sat in his seat quietly, his head turning from Severus to Lucius in their heated discussion.

"And I only suggested that you speak to the girl Severus. She already got dumped when their summer holiday began, I don't think that you need to see another one." Lucius commented with the look of innocence.

"And again I will tell you that Raven can take care of herself in that general area. She is not a delicate piece of china that needs to be handled with extra care." Severus replied

"Non sense. All females are...,"

"Have you even observed Raven closely Lucius?" Severus questioned after cutting the man's remark off swiftly.

"No, but what does that have to do with it?" Lucius questioned stiffly

"I think that perhaps you would find that Raven is quite capable of taking of her problems without me stepping in to help her in that area." Severus answered

They heard the four coming downstairs, their voices drifting past the living parlor's entrance as they headed out to the private lake for a summer swim.

The twins took off their robes, laying them across a low branch while Victor and Draco noticed the swim outfit Hally was wearing. Harry noticed their reaction, then hid a grin on his face.

"Hal, dive in little sister." Harry said.

Hally dove into the water, swimming underneath the surface with ease.

"Bloody hell Potter, she's like a fish," Draco ranted before diving into the water.

"Good swimmer she is," Victor grinned diving in next.

"Yeah, but she is going to be a big handful getting this attention." Harry sighed quietly diving into the water next.

"Exactly how long is she going to swim under the water Potter?" Draco questioned minutes later.

"Until shes ready to come up Malfoy. Why have a crush on her or something?" Harry enquired.

"No Potter I don't. Why would I?" Draco questioned while Harry contained a well known snigger.

"No reason Malfoy." Harry said letting the matter drop.

Hally came up for air finally beside her big brother.

"That feels better," Hally grinned at Harry.

"Well I should say so Hal, you were under there for almost three minutes." Harry grinned

Hally smiled at him sweetly before swimming over to where Victor was, chatting with him politely.

"So what year are you?" Hally enquired

"Sixth year." Victor answered laying his chin upon his arms.

"I'm a third year this year at Hogwarts." Hally grinned

"No matter. Still beautiful girl, Allyoop." Victor grinned at her

"Yeah Allyoop." Harry called out in a tease. Draco rolled his eyes at the three without being noticed before swimming away from them, keeping his distance.

After a good swim, the four was given word that lunch was served by Screech. They quickly dried themselves off with a drying charm and headed inside to the dining hall wearing their robes. The twins took their usual place with Victor seating down beside Harry while Draco sat beside his mother. A lunch of many different selections were served before them, letting everyone choose what they wanted. Harry and Hally both filled their plates up as usual along with Victor and Draco, since the platinum-blonde-boy worked up an appetite from the swim.

"I heard that you have that flying car that Weasley Sr. had gotten the inquiry from work here Severus." Lucius commented

"You heard correctly. I bought it from Weasley Sr. at the end of school term. As far as it goes is into our forest and back. It takes Connor and Raven for rides almost eveyday since the family sleigh is not equipped for the summer." Severus answered

Everyone heard scrambling, turning to see the twins' pet luck dragons bounding into the dining hall happily.

"Dad! I'm hungry," Iris spoke out to Harry thumping her tail happily.

"Ok girl, I'll set you up," Harry grinned, grabbing a plate and piling plenty of food onto it for his pet dragon.

"Me, too mum...oh it's boy toy. What's shaking boy toy?" Silver greeted to Draco thumping his tail happily.

Draco came close to choking on his pumpkin juice.

"Silver, that wasn't very nice. You almost made Malfoy choke...although it would be a sight to see..."

"Raven," Severus warned

"I was kidding dad. Come on Silver I made you a plate sweety," Hally grinned setting the dish down for her pet dragon.

"But mum, I wanted to know how boy toy is doing?" Silver asked tilting his head with curiosity.

Draco leaned up, looking down at the silver luck dragon, then looked at Hally, seeing her shrug her shoulders carelessly.

"Best answer him Malfoy. He won't do anything else until you do." Hally simply said.

"I'm fine Silver." Draco answered at last seeing Silver thump his tail once more before he started to eat.

Victor kept turning around every few seconds, watching the two luck dragons in fascination.

"How long have you had them?" he asked the twins suddenly

"Since our first year," both twins answered at once

"Very nice dragons." Victor told them before turning back around to finish his lunch.

"Yes. Very rare to see. I always thought that they go to veelas." Karkaroff commented

"Connor and Raven are part veela," Severus announced, watching to see the reaction from Igor Karkaroff.

Karkaroff laughed at first until realizing that Severus was quite serious. Victor snapped his head Hally's way with wide eyes.

"Thanks a lot dad..."

"Veelas! Twin veelas!" Victor Krum exclaimed in surprise

"Now hold on a minute..."

"Who is your soulmate Allyoop?" Victor asked her grinning from ear to ear.

Lucius drummed his fingers on the table watching Hally squirm in her seat.

"Well? Krum asked you a question little Potter. Who is it. You should know who it is by now," Draco commented

"Malfoy leave my sister alone...," Harry's voice trailed off as he seen Hally get up from her seat, and whisper in Victor Krum's ear before sitting back down.

Victor slowly looked across the table at Draco in disbelief, then started to burst into hysterical laughter.

"What's so funny?" Draco questioned while Hally's face went three shades of pink right in front of them all.

Harry started laughing next along with Victor Krum.

"Harry James..." "It is funny Hal! H-he's a Slytherin and he hasn't gotten a clue on what we're laughing about!" Harry cackled loudly.

Severus and Lucius looked at one another in silence, before Lucius spoke up.

"Shall you say what is so funny or shall I Severus?" Lucius enquired with a raised eyebrow.

"SLAM!" " I still want to know How the Bloody Hell did you figure it out!" Severus yelled his demand

"Your yule ball two years ago, witnessing Miss Potter's reaction over my son's order." Lucius answered with a smirk.

"You oversized spying prat!" Hally lashed out at Lucius with flashing eyes.

"Things can always change Lucius! There are cures that will end their suffering of rejection as well as letting them have normal lives!" Severus shouted.

"You would actually do that Severus?" Lucius enquired

"I will allow Raven to choose, yes." Severus answered, looking at the man with a challenge look in his eyes.

"Father, what is going on?" Draco asked clearly confused over the conversation.

"Something that should have been done two years ago when I discovered it, son." Lucius stated, his eyes landing upon Hally.

"You don't scare me you old decrepit snake in the grass!" Hally seethed

"Such sentiment words Miss Potter." Lucius smirked

"Lucius, stop it." Narcissa whispered to her husband.

Lucius looked at his wife, before sighing. "I swear Narcissa, you can always ruin a good argument getting ready to happen...All right, all right I'll leave it alone." Lucius stated, his cold grey eyes scrutinizing Severus, Harry and Hally at once.

"Father?" Draco called getting Lucius's attention.

"It's nothing son." Lucius answered with narrowed eyes.

After lunch the twins took Victor on a tour of their home while Severus, Narcissa, and Karkaroff conversed in the main living Parlor. Lucius, however, had other plans. He requested his son to go to his guest room after lunch to discuss certain things that he felt needed to be said.

He heard a soft knock on the door, turning to find Draco coming inside and closing the door.

"Father, what is it?" Draco enquired

Lucius clapped his son on the shoulder lightly.

"There is something that you need to know Draco. It's something that Potter and Krum found highly amusing. It's also very important so you best sit down for a shock of your life." Lucius announced

Draco sat down in a chair, listening to what Lucius told him, word for word. When Lucius was finished speaking, he dismissed Draco, watching his own son walking out of the guestroom in a state of utter shock.

Draco stood in the hall in stunned silence until he heard Victor and the twins laughing further down the hall. His mind began to think of different possibilities suddenly without thinking what would the outcome be. Harry, Hally, and Victor found him still standing in the hall.

"Lost your way already Malfoy?" Harry questioned him. Hally started sniggering just then.

"No Potter, I did not lose my way. I thought that I had forgotten something from my guestroom until I realized just now that I had it the whole time." Draco answered stiffly.

"Whatever. We're heading downstairs, stay or follow, it doesn't matter to us." Hally replied going past him.

"Oh, I think I'll follow little Potter," Draco spoke following behind them.

They headed downstairs to the main living parlor to sit down. Everyone was in full conversation talking about the upcoming competition, when Hally quietly got up and headed into the family library. She paced the floor until she heard the door close with a click, finding Draco present.

"By the look on your face little Potter, I'd say you were afraid of a big crowd." Draco commented suspiciously.

"So what if I was?" Hally guestioned him stiffly.

"Does your brother know?" he pressed with a smirk.

"No, but he will very soon." Hally told him standing her ground.

"Just checking little Potter." Draco simply said just before Hally walked back out of the library.

"Bite me Malfoy," Hally sneered going past him.

Draco grinned evilly behind her back. "Really little Potter, do you promise?" he muttered, seeing her go out the door.

That evening the twins sat in their private parlor with Hally explaining to Harry about her one big problem...she froze up when there were too many people watching her.

"That's it Hal?" Harry asked in surprise

"Yeah, stupid isn't it?" Hally asked looking down

"No. It's just a phobia Hal, one that can be fixed...and I think I know how to fix it," Harry grinned after getting an idea.

"How?" Hally enquired

"You'll find out. Go ahead and go to bed Hal, I got this." Harry told her

Hally got up from their sofa, heading to her room. "All right. Goodnight Harry," she called over her shoulder and went inside her room closing the door.

Harry waited for at least five minutes before doing what he had set out to do. The clock struck two o' clock in the morning when Hally was woken up by many voices coming from the parlor. She pulled on her robe, opened her door and got a shock of her life...

Their friends the Slytherins were there, looking back at her with grins on their faces.

A/N: That is all for chapter 1. see you in Chapter 2 bye for now.

## Chapter 2 TWO TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS PLEASE!

Hally looked back inside her room to check the time on her clock once more after seeing the Slytherins grinning at her.

"Two in the morning. I must be dreaming...."

"Your not dreaming Hal, I called them to come here." Harry spoke out to her

Hally turned back to her big brother, "Now why did you do that for?" she enquired.

"Why she asks me...to help you with your phobia Hal," Harry answered her with a grin on his face.

The Slytherins sniggered just then. Hally rubbed her eyes, and then looked back at her brother.

"Thanks Harry, but it didn't make it better," Hally stated, dropping her hand along her side with a slight plop.

"It will get better for you after awhile Hal. It takes time," Harry explained to her.

Hally went to sit down on their sofa, "Gods I hope so." She muttered with a sigh before facing Flint and Etre, who were both sitting on either side of her.

"Uh...Hi flint, Hi Etre...,"

"Pixie Sandwich!" They both cackled, giving her a squeeze in between them.

"Oh gods I can't breathe...eep! Stop! Stop that tickles!" Hally laughed as both boys tickled her sides.

The noise floated down the hall, echoing off the walls. Draco was just heading to his guestroom for the night when he heard the laughter, and decided to go to investigate. He walked into the twins' private parlor finding almost every Slytherin there except for Pansy Parkinson, Crabbe and Goyle.

"What the bloody hell is most of my house doing here at this time of the night?" Draco questioned

"If you must know Malfoy, I called them here to help Hal out, now see your way out of here," Harry answered with a snigger.

"Oh, so she finally told you about her problem Potter?" Draco asked with a smirk on his face.

Harry turned around at his twin sister, seeing her hands raised up in self-defense.

"He guessed my problem Harry, I never told him a thing," Hally promised her big brother.

Harry looked back to Draco, "You are one nosey arse Malfoy," Harry told the platinum-blonde-boy.

Draco only crossed his arms. "I should be nosey in a lot of things Potter, especially when it comes to your sister," He smirked as he watched both twins look at him with shocked expressions on their faces.

Hally pointed at him suddenly. "His father told him Harry!" she exclaimed

Harry went to grab for Draco, growling in anger. "I'll make sure that you won't get close to my sister Malfoy...,"

Draco gave him a sneer, "Really Potter, trying to take me out over my father telling me how important I am to your little sister there? Don't make me laugh." He simply said.

The Slytherins looked at the scene, quite confused over what they were hearing, until Flint intervened.

"Just what the bloody hell does Draco mean by that remark you two?" Flint enquired. He looked to find Hally paling slightly while Harry's face got a shade of red.

"Oh you don't know Flint?" Draco asked with a look of triumph on his face.

"No, I don't and I would appreciate it if one of you three would explain it to the rest of us," Flint answered.

"Sure, I'll tell you...," "No you won't Malfoy! He is my sister's soul mate Flint. That's what he meant, only Hal doesn't want him to be it." Harry explained as Hally slapped her forehead, groaning in misery.

Flint leaned back slightly before looking at Hally, "Pixie Dust! Shame on you for keeping it quiet," he teased

"I so want to hide right now," Hally groaned hearing sniggering from the rest of the Slytherins.

Draco took a step forward, when Harry stepped in his way suddenly with a challenging look in his eyes. Draco shrugged his shoulders carelessly, looking over Harry's shoulder at his twin sister.

"Aw, don't worry little Potter. You won't get neglected by my family I assure you...."

"Oh yeah Malfoy? That day will happen when pigs and donkey's grow wings!" Harry spat out, pointing his wand at him

Flint and Etre both got up and separated the two before a huge fight started.

"Enough you two. Harry, we understand that you are very protective over Pixie Dust here, but I have yet to read about veelas being able to turn away from their true mates, even after they receive one of those cures. Draco, can't you see that Pixie Dust here is in misery over knowing what you are to her? The way you three were acting towards each other since your first year did not give you three a good

start. Especially when you called her a Slytherin traitor then." Flint lectured the two boys.

Harry lowered his wand slowly. "He keeps his distance from my sister from here on out." Harry warned as he started to calm down.

"That won't be a problem Potter. I can wait patiently here. Malfoy's are well known on getting what they want." Draco replied, giving Hally a well-known smirk.

"Perhaps this time, you'll be well known for failing big time." Hally blurted out

"Well see little Potter," Draco grinned evilly at her.

Flint and Etre glanced at each other, shaking their heads solemnly.

"Let's drop the subject here for now okay? Now then Harry, you told us something about Pixie Dust here having some kind of fear over too many people watching her...All right! Who just touched me and why...Oh. Lady Hex...sorry I mean Pixie Dust, what are you doing?" Flint asked grinning down at Hally.

"Looking at your Tattoo. I like it," Hally grinned.

Harry went to take a look next. "Oh sweet! It moves!" Harry grinned

"Of course it moves Harry. Haven't you seen a tattoo move before?" Flint enquired

"No. The tattoos in the Muggle world don't move at all," Harry answered in detail

Draco was looking at Flint's tattoo when he heard Harry's words. He looked at him making a face.

"Good lord Potter, what a waste. Muggles having tattoos that don't move? I am glad that I don't live there." Draco replied

"Well not everyone is like you Malfoy. I've been in the Muggle world and I think that some things they have are fascinating." Hally commented then looked up at Flint grinning from ear to ear. "I want one of those with a belly-button piercing to go along with it."

"Not without me Hal, but I want a piercing on my left eyebrow...they do that here too, don't they?" Harry asked Flint

"Oh yeah they do that Harry." Flint laughed at the question from Harry.

"Do you have to be a certain age?" Harry enquired next

"No, but you do have to have Professor Snapes permission though." Flint answered

"That won't be a problem." Both twins sniggered knowingly.

"All right then. We'll ask him in the morning...it's a good thing you told him about us coming Harry or else he would have exploded on all of us." Flint stated. "Now Pixie Dust's problem?" he added the question changing the subject quickly.

Hally explained her problem to the Slytherins, not leaving anything out, including the competition that was coming up.

"That won't be a problem. We'll help her out." Etre spoke out, hearing the rest of the Slytherins agree with him.

Harry had closed the doors to their private parlor to keep the noise from waking everyone else up from their sleep while everyone was speaking at once.

"So who is your competitor Hally?" Blaise Zabini enquired

"Victor Krum from Durmstrang," Hally answered

Silence filled the private parlor swiftly.

"Victor Krum? The young national Quidditch player Victor Krum?" Flint asked

"Um...yes," Hally answered

The girls gathered around Hally giggling. "What's he like?" "Have you met him yet?" "Is he single?"

"Whoa! Hold up girls! Let my sister breathe...."

Everyone heard a noise coming from the hall. Hally got up to take a look, opening one of the doors quietly. She looked over her shoulder at Harry.

"It's Krum, Harry...Oh gods have mercy. H-he sleeps nude." Hally spoke in low-key, her eyes looking at the Bulgarian from head to toe.

The girls scrambled quietly taking a look theirselves. "Oh wow! Hally, how did you get so lucky to have him as a guest here?" they whispered giggling quietly.

The Slytherin boys, including Harry crossed their arms at the girls while rolling their eyes.

"I want that Body!" Hally blurted out suddenly in front of them all.

"Hal!" Harry exclaimed in shock.

Hally turned around towards her brother. "What?" she asked innocently. The girls giggled at the two.

"He's the enemy Hal. He is your competition." Harry pointed out

"Yes, but what does that have to do with it?" Hally asked grinning evilly as she swayed gently.

"Evil little sister right to the core." Harry muttered with a sigh while Hally finally closed the door with a silent click.

"It was an innocent peek Harry, gods. It's not like you boys don't try peeking at girls...and don't try to deny it Flint, because I had caught you and Etre doing that many times at school." Hally sniggered Flint shrugged his shoulders, "Fair enough." He simply said grinning along with Etre.

"Can we continue here Hal?" Harry asked, sniggering with the rest of the Slytherins.

"Sure we can Harry. Now what do you have in mind on fixing my problem?" Hally asked, taking a seat once more.

Harry went over his plan with Hally, Draco Malfoy and the Slytherins before they headed to bed for the night.

## FOLLOWING MORNING

Lucius Malfoy headed downstairs to the dining Hall, finding that there were more guests present than before. He sat down at the end of the table across from Severus, beside his wife who was already there along with their son Draco.

"Well, this is a surprise," Lucius commented with a raised eyebrow.

"I was informed last night after you retired Lucius. Connor invited them." Severus announced

"I'm surprised he didn't invite anymore Gryffindors here." Lucius replied stiffly

"We couldn't do that," Harry spoke out

"Yeah, they would be...surrounded by Slytherins if we did that," Hally added

Lucius gave the twins a swift glare, before turning his eyes away from them while his wife Narcissa pour him a cup of steaming hot coffee. Lucius quietly observed the twins in their own element, noticing that if they were put into Slytherin, they would have fitted right in along with his son. He looked over at Severus, realizing that he was looking right back at him. Both gave each other calculating looks until Marcus Flint began speaking to Severus. "Professor Snape, there was something I like to ask you first before Harry and Hally..."

"Here at home Mr. Flint their names are Raven and Connor. They both agreed to that, now tell me what is it that you wanted to ask me?" Severus enquired, taking a sip of his coffee which was strong and black without any sugar nor cream, just the way he liked it for years.

"Well sir, they noticed that I now have a tattoo and they both want one with piercings to go along with them, and I thought that since they're birthday was coming up, I thought that it would be a good idea to take them as a birthday gift. So...could they sir?" Flint enquired

Severus sat his cup down with a clatter.

"I see..." "Please dad? We both finished our homework right after we got home, and we've been extra good on not pranking you too much." Hally begged their dad.

"Yeah dad. We'll even help the house-elves with the stables for a whole week." Harry grinned.

Severus sat back in his chair, pondering. "A whole week hmm? Well now, how could I say no to that." He told them both

"Thank you dad." The twins grinned happily

"But, those piercings must be put in appropriate places, do you two understand?" Severus questioned them

"Yes sir," they answered him, grinning from ear to ear.

"Good. I will write out my permission for you both and I expect you two to follow my direct order." Severus stated

"We promise," Harry and Hally assured him before chatting excitedly with their friends.

Platters of food appeared upon the table, letting everyone help themselves. The children carrying conversation along with Victor Krum, who everyone were making sure that he felt welcomed. Severus decided then, to go ahead and find out where his twins would like to have their 13th birthday party by clearing his throat and getting their attention.

"I will need to know where you two would like your birthday party to be this year?" Severus enquired

"Well dad, we were talking," Harry began

"And we decided to have it here out by the lake." Hally finished

"A party by the lake? I can agree with that." Severus replied

"Yeah with the Slytherins and well some Gryffindors, like the ones from last year..."

"Another words the Weasley clan and Granger." Draco blurted out.

"Draco, stay out of their discussion young man." Lucius warned his son with a stern look on his face.

"I don't have any problems with that, except I want you both to make sure that one Weasley boy does not get into anything here like he did in my private quarters in your first year at Hogwarts." Severus told them

"I'll take care of Ron dad," Harry promised, sniggering with his twin sister Hally.

"Good. Now I will leave everything up to Screech as usual...I believe that someone has a belated birthday gift that still needs to be given to Draco here?" Severus suggested seeing Hally squirm in her chair.

"Aw dad, can it wait first? I'm hungry..."

"Go get it now Raven," Severus intervened sternly.

Hally groaned while she got up from the table, leaving the dining hall. She came back five minutes later, placing the gift in front of Draco before taking her place between Severus and Harry once more.

"Happy belated birthday Malfoy," Hally mumbled just loud enough to be heard.

Everyone watched Draco tear the wrapping off his late birthday gift and lifted the lid off of the box. His eyes went wide briefly before lifting it out of the box revealing a statued dragon. He sat it down as everyone watched it walk around the standing plate.

"Well I'll be darned," Lucius muttered

"I still find it hard to believe that Raven found that in an antique shop within Diagon Alley, but my eyes did not decieve me when I seen her and Connor both walk out of the shop." Severus rambled

"Told you dad, Hal was looking at something else when it roared up at her from the display case getting her attention." Harry grinned

"These pieces are extremely rare to find, but it now belongs to my son, and he'll soon have it places safely with the rest of his collection." Lucius commented, watching Draco grin at the rare statue.

Hally's eyes lingered on Draco for at least five seconds before looking back at Severus.

"Can we have a real live band here at the party dad?" Hally enquired

"I'll see what I can do Raven." Severus chuckled after seeing Hally's face light up with excitement.

The twins continued to eat their breakfast, and chatting away about their birthday party with the Slytherins.

"All right now, everyone meets each other here in a few hours." Severus announced as he handed Harry and Hally both their written permission parchments for their tattoos and piercings.

Everyone splitted up with who they were going with. Flint led both twins down the cobbled road of Diagon Alley with Etre tagging along with several others, Draco included for he wanted to see whether either twin would back out of it.

They entered a small shop in a filing line with Flint speaking to the owner of the establishment. When Harry and Hally were asked if they had permission, they both held out their parchments grinning from ear to ear.

"All right then, which one goes first?" the owner enquired

"I'll go first," Harry volunteered following the owner to a separate section of the place.

"Now then man, what would you like placed on you?" The owner enquired to Harry. Harry pondered at first before grinning and looked up at the owner.

"A Cobra, right here on the back of my neck." Harry answered

Hally waited patiently while Harry was being takened care of first, giggling here and there while placing her hand on the back of her neck. Harry took a seat after entering the small section.

"Hey Pixie Dust..." "Harry's tattoo is on the back of his neck Flint, I can feel it." Hally giggled once more.

"Oh man, I forgot that you two can do that." Flint laughed with Etre and the others. Draco only rolled his eyes.

Harry came out the separated section grinning. "He'll do the piercing after he takes care of Hal here. What do you think? Cool huh?" Harry asked showing them a tattoo of a cobra on the back of his neck.

"Wicked Harry," Hally grinned being led into the small area next while everyone except for Draco complimented Harry's tattoo.

"Now then little lady, what can I place on you?" the owner enquired to Hally

Hally gave it a lot of thought, she then started to grin up at the owner after deciding.

"A dragon, right about here." Hally answered placing her hand on her tummy.

Harry waited patiently next until he too started to laugh, grabbing his stomach.

"Let me guess Harry, hers is there right?" Flint asked grinning from ear to ear

"Yeah, and it's going to look cool." Harry answered in between laughs.

Hally was finished finally coming out of the small section. Everyone gathered around her with Draco standing in the front.

"Well, come on little Potter let's see if you backed out or not," Draco sneered at her

"All right Malfoy, here see for yourself," Hally sneered back lifting her shirt slightly to only reveal her brand new tatoo.

"Sweet! It looks like its getting ready to throw flames there," Flint exclaimed while Draco's eyes continued to linger on the dragon tattoo until Hally lowered her shirt.

"Hal, that is so cool little sis..."

"All right you two, we need you both over here for those piercings. We definitely have more than two hands for this part." the owner announced

"Wicked, we all get to see this one, but we have to stay out of the way." Flint whispered to everyone while the twins each took a seat, laying back quietly.

"One eyebrow piercing and one belly-button piercing here." the owner told his two assistance who had just came in to start to work.

A half hour later, everyone walked out of the establishment ranting over both twins brand new tattoos and piercings which no one could deny that it suited them both. They all met back up with Severus and the rest who had decided to go elsewhere.

Severus inspected both twins, making sure that they kept their word nodding in approval after he was satisfied with Harry, and then looked down at Hally next.

"Um...dad, they're both on my tummy area," Hally explained to him quietly.

"All right then Raven, let's see." Severus told her, blocking the passersby's view as she lifted her shirt up slightly letting him see.

Lucius got a good glimpse as well as Narcissa, who simply smiled before looking away discreetly.

"Oh good lord...," "It's appropriate Lucius, that is what matters here. Raven, very good...it is a very nice dragon indeed." Severus spoke in low-key after Hally lowered her shirt once more with a slight blush on her cheeks.

"Thank you dad." Both twins grinned with Hally giving their dad a big hug and Harry patting him on the back. Harry felt that hugs should now be between his sister and they're dad after discussing it with Severus, who had agreed unless they both had good reasons to hug.

Severus reached into his pocket to check on the time. "It's almost noon, and I still need to go to the Apocathy to get some ingredients for my cupboard and Raven's knowing how you both have been...busy with your experiments as of late." Severus announced to everyone.

"We'll be okay dad." Both twins spoke out at once.

"Good. No sneaking to Knockturn Alley...I was told about that accident last year by Hagrid finding you both in a predicament, let's not to it this year." Severus warned both Harry and Hally.

Draco looked at the two in confusion, he did not recall seeing the two in Knockturn Alley at all last year.

"Everyone has just enough time to do whatever they want before we head back for lunch." Severus announced walking with Lucius and Narcissa towards Knockturn Alley.

Draco glanced over his shoulder before looking at Harry and Hally.

"So you both were in Knockturn Alley last year huh? Did you two learn anything?" Draco questioned them with a sneer.

"Yeah we did Malfoy." Harry answered with an evil grin.

"We learned that we can be quiet, watching you and your father sell so many illegal things." Hally whispered just loud enough for Draco and the Slytherins to hear only.

They watched Draco's face go paler than usual.

"The look on your face Malfoy is absolutely priceless, but don't worry, we never told a soul on what we seen." Hally cackled along with Harry and the Slytherins

"Let's go get some Ice Cream our treat...and yes Malfoy we do mean you to." Harry sniggered as they all headed down the cobbled street for a icy cold treat.

A/N: That is all for chapter 2. see you in chapter 3 bye for now and sorry if it's sounds like this chapter is rambling.

## Chapter 3 THE GRIM CHECKS IN

The twins wandered about in Diagon Alley with their Slytherin friends, Victor Krum, and Draco Malfoy scoping out the new broomstick display as they ate their Ice Creams.

"Oh wow! I bet those would be faster than our own brooms." Harry and Hally grinned

Flint was reading the parchment aloud before looking at the details of the new flying broom.

"I'd say it is. Faster than both Nimbus Two Thousand and the Nimbus Two Thousand and ones." Flint commented, admiring the new broom.

"Probably another broom Professor Snape will get for the Potters here," Draco sneered in his usual way.

Both twins looked at him. "No, why would we Malfoy, we have good brooms as it is," Hally replied

"Yeah Malfoy, and even if he did; it would be his decision not ours." Harry told the platinum-blonde-boy.

The Slytherins sniggered over the twin's remark.

"Whatever Potters," Draco waved them off in a huff.

"Gee Hal, looks like your so called soul mate can dish it out, but can't take it when it comes back to him." Harry replied, hearing guffaws from Victor Krum and the rest of the Slytherins.

Hally giggled along with her brother until they both got a feeling that they were being watched, both turning around and looking at a darkened alley. They found nothing there.

"That's odd, didn't you feel like you were being watched too Hal?" Harry enquired in a whisper.

"Yeah I did Harry, but from who," Hally whispered back before Draco snapped his fingers in front of her.

"Hey Potters, didn't you hear Flint just now? We're all going inside the Emporium over there." Draco told them

Hally raised her eyes up to him, flashing them in anger. "Keep your hand away from my face Malfoy." She seethed.

"Well pay attention little Potter. Honestly, some would think that you would be the one least to day dream..."

"I was talking to my brother Malfoy, I wasn't daydreaming you arse!" Hally hissed out

"Whatever little Potter." Draco rolled his eyes at her before they headed to the Emporium going inside.

"I hate that boy," Hally growled heatedly.

"I know Hal, just let him go." Harry agreed as they entered the Emporium.

They all wandered about looking at many things, before they decided to leave to meet up with the adults. They all made it back with twenty minutes to spare. Blaise and Maryanne got Hally's attention pointing to one of the shop's windows, showing her the latest fashions while Flint and Etre got Harry's and Victor Krum's attention over something else that only a boy would likely to buy.

"Oh wicked," Hally grinned

"Awesome," Harry grinned as well

"See you in a few minutes Harry!" Hally cried out heading into the shop with Blaise and Maryanne.

"Same here Hal!" Harry called going into the other shop with Flint, Etre, and Victor.

The rest decided to split up at the last second, the girls going inside where Hally, Blaise and Maryanne were, and the boys, Draco included, going inside where Harry, Flint, Etre, and Victor were.

Inside the shop where Hally was, the girls were trying on many outfits giggling.

"I wonder what was so fascinating that all the boys wanted to go in that shop next door." Maryanne commented in wonder.

"I don't know, but they can have whatever it is that is there. I went in there once, and I did not find anything fascinating." Hally replied, coming out of a dressing room to see what the other girls thought of the outfit.

Meanwhile inside the shop where Harry was, the boys were rummaging through many things that had caught their eyes. Harry picked up a strange looking object.

"Hey Malfoy, I think we just found one of your best friends here." Harry cackled out as the rest of the boys looked up and started laughing, pointing over at Draco.

"Funny Potter really...I think I just found your missing link right here." Draco replied lifting up a shrunken head.

The rest of the boys howled with laughter, including Harry who had a good sense of humor.

"Good one Malfoy. At least you learned to hold your own....Pansy, not so much." Harry cackled.

Draco dropped the head, grabbing his stomach in disgust. "Please Potter, don't make me retch here. I can't stand her and neither can my parents." Draco gagged from Harry's words.

"I cannot see why the girls don't come in here though. There is a lot of real cool stuff here." Etre grinned.

"They're girls, that's reason enough." The rest of the boys cackled.

Within fifteen minutes, everyone met up again with their purchases from both shops, chatting away excitedly until Severus, Lucius, Narcissa, and Igor Karkaroff showed up.

"Well I see that everyone made use of their thirty minutes, time to head back." Severus announced to everyone.

They all headed out with the adults leading the way back to Snape Manor.

Squeals of laughter erupted from the girls as they ran upstairs to Hally's bedroom. Poor Severus had to practically move out of the way before he got ran over by one. He watched every single girl follow Hally to her bedroom before shaking his head.

"Connor, your sister is definitely growing up." He stated as the boys headed upstairs next.

"Yeah I know dad, now I really do have to keep the other guys away." Harry grinned

"But not too much Connor." Severus chuckled heading into the main living parlor with Mr. and Mrs. Malfoy and Igor Karkaroff.

Up in the twins' private parlor the boys were listening to the girls giggling and their conversation.

"I love that outfit you got Hally, but can you walk in those heeled shoes?" Blaise enquired

"Yes actually I can. Its one of Professore Sinistra's, Professor McGonagall, Professor Sprout, Madam Hooch's many perks of teaching me to be a lady...although it was really boring in the beginning, but now that they taught me the most important things, I actually enjoyed most of it." Hally explained with a grin.

"Hey Potter what are you doing..."

"Quiet Malfoy, Hal just said she enjoyed being taught on how to be a lady." Harry announced making his voice sound girlish before sniggering.

The boys sniggered quietly. "Like I care..."

Hally opened her door finding herself face-to-face with Harry. "Harry James, you rotten brother..."

"Uh...sorry sis, but we all couldn't help but hear that." Harry grinned at her

"Oh. I wanted your opinion Harry. What do you think?" Hally asked opening her door wider and letting the boys see the entire outfit Hally was wearing.

Harry looked at Hally from head to feet, noticing the low-heeled shoes she was wearing.

"You look lovely Hal. What do you think guys?" Harry asked turning to see the boy's mouths drop open in surprise.

Draco, however, kept himself in check. "Hot! So hot! Hally you naughty Pixie Dust, you put Pansy to shame!" Flint grinned while the rest of the guys except for Draco agreed.

Hally only gave them a grin before shutting her door. Harry could only shake his head on what was to come.

"I really have my hands full here." he simply said.

Flint clapped Harry on the shoulder. "Don't worry Harry. We'll help you here, remember she's our girl." he promised Harry.

"Thanks, but I think Hal can hold her own most of the time...Why are you looking like that Malfoy?" Harry questioned suddenly

"Just thinking that she'd fit in nicely with my family Potter..."

"You stay the Bloody Hell away from my sister Malfoy..."

"Easy Harry." Flint spoke out stepping in between both boys. "Draco, you better do what Harry says, you know what Hally thinks of you man." he added

Draco shrugged his shoulders carelessly. "Fine, I will but who is to say that little Potter won't in the future. Show me proof in the books saying a veela succeeded on staying away from their soul mate." He grinned evilly heading out of the twin's private parlor.

"I'll kill him..." "No Harry, you won't. He is right you know. There hasn't been any proof written in those books, but right now your sister can hold him off at the moment." Flint intervened.

"Fine I won't, but if he so much as crosses the line while he's here and I'm going to get him good." Harry replied just before Hally and the other girls came out of her bedroom.

"He wouldn't succeed even if he tried." Hally simply said, looking inside Harry's parcels.

"Hey Hal, you have your packages, these are mine..."

"Oh eww! Harry couldn't you just leave Ron at that shop?" Hally asked lifing up red-haired shrunken head.

"Hal that is not Ron...but that was funny!" Harry cackled into laughter along with the other boys.

"Why you boys buy this stuff is beyond me, but whatever makes you happy." Hally rambled, placing the shrunken head back into Harry's bag with a light plop.

"Well at least us boys don't go all out and buy perfume, make-up, or anything that gives off a smell like you just bathed in a tub of squashed fruit." Harry sniggered

"Better than smelling like old socks...and trust me I have walked past a few boys with them smelling exactly like an old sock." Hally replied

"Who smells like an old sock Hal?" Harry enquired

"Well...Ernie Macmillian for one." Hally answered, looking up at the ceiling of their private parlor.

"No Way! That's who had that awful smell last year?" Harry asked with a snigger

"Yeah Harry, which is why I prefer to smell like the stuff that I buy than a pair of old socks." Hally answered.

Everyone bursted into hysterical laughter.

"She has a point there Harry, I mean I couldn't be near a girl who smells like that." Flint cackled

"I know. Hal, you can buy all that stuff as much as you want little sis. I can't hold that against you." Harry grinned at his twn.

"Good. I also got you something for our birthday too Harry, but you have to wait until then." Hally grinned in return.

Harry was about to get his sister to slip it out, then decided that he could wait.

"Fair enough Hal. It's about time for lunch to be served, so I believe we should go downstairs." Harry informed everyone after looking at the time on their grandfather clock.

They all filed out of the twins' private parlor chatting away over what they bought in Diagon Alley.

After lunch, the youngsters had ushered themselves out to the huge private lake for a swim. Everyone found a lounge chair after the house elves had setted them up, laying their towels on the arms. Some layed out in the sun to get a tan, while some dove into the cool water. Draco Malfoy made sure he kept his distance from Harry, but also made sure that he had a lounge chair close enough to Hally, making sure he did not cross the line of being too close. He looked at the swimming trunks Harry gave him to borrow and mentally shook

his head, knowing that the raven-haired boy actually had some sense of fashion as he watched the green snake designs move.

"What is it Malfoy? The trunks aren't good enough for you?" Harry questioned, sitting down in his lounger after taking off his robe.

"No, just hard to believe that you have taste in clothes Potter." Draco answered stiffly.

"Actually Malfoy, Hal picked those out for me while I was busy being fitted." Harry stated

"That explains it then." Draco muttered when he noticed Hally taking her robe off, revealing another swim outfit, except she was in a bikini that showed off her tattoo and belly piercing.

Hally looked down at Draco noticing that he was watching her. "Stop staring Malfoy." she told him before diving into the lake and swimming under the water.

Draco only smirked at her remark before he picked up his book, opening it up to read.

"Tell me something Potter. You going to keep Weasley away from her as well as Me? You do remember that I am related to them." Draco questioned to Harry while he read his book quietly.

Harry turned his head to him. "Hal already knows how to keep Ron away from her Malfoy, as for you? Your a different matter entirely." Harry replied while Hally quietly layed down in her lounger after coming out of the lake for a tan.

"Oh, I see. So your sister is off limits. Well as I said before Potter, show me the proof." Draco smirked in his book.

Hally looked at the platinum-blonde-boy, "Look Malfoy, your here as a guest of our dad's, so at least you can do is show some respect here..."

"A GRIM! THERE'S A GRIM OUT THERE!" Millicent Bullstrode shrieked out, getting everyone's attention.

"What the bloody hell is a grim?" Harry enquired, quite confused

"Something you don't want to mess with Potter!" Draco yelled out seeing the creature as well.

Hally got up and quickly ran over to where Millicent stood, "Where is it Milli?" she asked looking around

"It went in there!" Millicent exclaimed pointing to the path that lead into the family forest.

Hally started walking on the path, and into the forest to investigate when Harry caught up to her.

"Hal, your not going in there alone." Harry told her

"Aw Harry come on..." "Not without me." Harry stood his ground

Hally gave him a grin while they both continued on to investigate.

"For all we know, it could be Dobby playing his tricks again." Harry pointed out to her until he seen her point ahead of them.

"T-that's not D-Dobby Harry." Hally stuttered, shaking in fear.

Harry followed her finger pointed to seeing the grim creep up to them slowly. Harry took hold of Hally swiftly and started to head back from where they came when it swiftly bounded ahead of them, cutting them off from leaving the forest growling.

"Oh my gods, it's got us trapped here." Hally exclaimed while Harry picked up a thick stick, ready to defend them both.

"GET OUT OF HERE! MOVE!" Harry shouted, swinging the stick at the grim until it took hold and started to tug it out of his hands. "Harry! Let go of the stick! You making it mad!" Hally cried out with wide eyes.

The grim succeeded in pulling the stick from Harry's hands and leaped at both twins, knocking them onto the ground. Harry and Hally both remained still watching it wearily until it started to lick their faces one at a time.

"Oh gods, I got slobber on me!" Hally whined, wiping her hand across her face.

"Oh yuck! It got me too...it's just a dog!" Harry commented, watching it sit at their feet, thumping its tail.

"It looks like a grim Harry. Dad won't let us keep him, even if it is a dog." Hally replied sitting up

"It's worth a try Hal. Anyway we could always use a dog to guard the manor at night when we're asleep." Harry stated with reason while he scratched behind the so called grim's ear.

Hally pondered on his words. "I...suppose so Harry, but we have to really get dad to say yes in order for us to keep him." Hally relented at last getting up on her feet.

"Cool. I'll handle dad Hal, don't worry about that." Harry grinned standing up next.

"Okay Harry, if you have to, tell dad that we'll do the stables without any help from the house elves for a whole week." Hally suggested as they headed back out of the forest with the so called grim following them both at their sides.

The adults were outside trying to calm everyone down, when Millicent let out a scream, pointing at Harry and Hally both who had the animal closely beside them both.

"That's it?" Flint asked, making a wierd face.

"Are you kidding me? It's a dog!" Etre sniggered when both twins stood before Severus.

"Connor, Raven are you two all right?" Severus questioned them both

"Yes sir," Hally answered first before looking down at her feet.

"Now why are you...Oh no! No..."

"Dad please? We could use a guard dog at night, and we'll even do the stables without any help from the house elves. We done a good job without them before, and the family horses were happy." Harry reasoned with the potions master.

"Caught like a sprung snake Severus." Lucius commented "It is just a dog of course, I never liked that part of divination myself about grims, I find it sheer nonsense."

Severus muttered curses under his breath with clinched fists until he looked down at the twins finally.

"On one condition. You both take turns walking him, feeding him...and he needs a bath from the looks of it...,"

"GRRR!" "And teach him some discipline as well." Severus finished, his eyes piercing down at the dog.

"Yes sir." both twins grinned

"I'll give him the bath...maybe I can use one of Hally's shower wash..."

"Don't you dare Harry...on second thought use the whole bottle of my mulberry one. I don't like that one too much, and he can have it instead." Hally spoke out wrinkling her nose from the smell coming from the animal.

"All right Hal. Come on boy, let's get you cleaned up and groomed." Harry grinned leading the dog into the manor.

Hally turned to look at Millicent. "You okay Milli?" she asked

"Yes, but it really scared me for a moment there." Millicent answered, grinning sheepishly.

Blaise stood behind Hally brushing pine needles off her back. "How did you manage to get pine needles on you Hally?" she enquired

"The dog knocked me and Harry down on the path, but he didn't hurt us." Hally explained, looking up at Severus once more.

"Mmm...just make sure that he doesn't get under my feet Raven." Severus told her heading back inside the manor with Lucius, Narcissa, and Igor Karkaroff.

"A dog for Merlin's sake. What next?" they all heard him ramble when Flint nudged Hally lightly.

"Pixie Dust, does your father know about that Asp that's in your room?" Flint enquired.

Hally let out a sigh, "Yes. He found out just when we returned home for the summer holiday, finding it in the main living parlor coiled up in his chair." she answered, hearing guffaws of laughter erupt around her.

"It's not funny...yes it is." she finally grinned at her Slytherin friends.

Meanwhile inside the manor Harry was having the time of his life bathing their new pet. Every few minutes the dog would shake water onto him.

"Oh gross! Could you get anymore water on me here? I already had a shower this morning!" Harry cackled, pouring the liquid scented soap onto the dog, and lathering him up.

"I'd say you'll smell way better here! I'll have Hal get more of this just for you alone boy." Harry grinned.

The dog only grunted, looking as if he was in heaven by the bath alone. Harry finished the dog off by rinsing him thorougly, and stepping back while it shook the excess water off of him once more before towel drying him and using a drying charm.

He led the dog out of his bedroom just as Draco was walking past the private parlor, heading back downstairs, turning back to make sure he wasn't seeing things.

"That's it? It's just a dog." Draco commented

"Yeah it's just a dog. Our dog now Malfoy." Harry replied

"Right, like the professor is going to let you two keep him..."

"Actually I did young man." Severus stated standing behind him, and looked at Harry. "I see that he looks better after that bath Connor. Don't forget about the stables in the morning along with Raven." he reminded the raven-haired boy.

"I won't dad. Come on boy, let's find you something to eat." Harry grinned, taking the dog downstairs.

Draco let out a sigh following suit while Severus watched the two quietly. He found something familiar about that dog, but couldn't place it, and decided to let it go for the time being as he too headed downstairs. He watched the boys head out the back towards the lake with the dog before heading into the main living parlor.

"I thought you was going to feed that dog Potter?" Draco questioned Harry

"I am Malfoy, didn't you see me coming out of our kitchens? You do walk slow and It only took me less than a second to tell Screech to get him something to eat." Harry answered before everyone gathered around him to pet his and Hally's new dog.

"I'm not that slow Potter." Draco sneered sitting back down in his lounger.

Hally let out a snort. "Obviously you are Malfoy, because you been constantly lagging behind us since you got here." Hally stated facts to the platinum-blonde-boy.

"Yes, but with reason little Potter." Draco replied, hiding a smirk from her.

Hally chose to ignore his remark by looking up at her big brother instead. "Knowing you Harry, you probably put in a request for all of us. What do you have Screech bringing us?" she asked with a grin on her face.

Harry sat down in his lounger while their new dog was enjoying the pampering he was getting from their Slytherin friends.

"Well I told you the last time that I would let you try something new that I had in the muggle world right?" Harry enquired

"Yes." Hally answered him sitting up in her lounger

"Screech will have them out here and there is a lot for everyone to try them. He made them better after I explained what they actually were." Harry sniggered

"Oh wickedly sweet! I can't wait to try them big brother." Hally smiled at him, then heard a snort coming from Draco.

"I'd like to see what is so fascinating over whatever those Muggles created." Draco replied stiffly.

"Whatever Malfoy." both twins rolled their eyes at him, seeing him sit up in his lounger, looking at the dog after it lept onto the foot of Hally's lounger, laying down and growling at him in warning.

Harry grinned evilly while Hally simply watched the dog look after her protectively.

"Well hey sis, looks like I don't have to worry about Malfoy getting too close to you here with our dog present." Harry sniggered

"I can see that Harry." Hally commented, getting a familiar feeling that she and Harry both knew this dog, but couldn't remember where nor when.

"Look Potter, I haven't went any closer to your sister here..."

"GRRR!" "Well obviously he doesn't like you much Malfoy." Harry pointed out

"Why is that Potter? I haven't done anything wrong here." Draco stated, keeping his eyes on the dog wearily.

Harry continued to grin at Draco evilly before looking back at the dog. "Still I guess we should name him, so he can acknowledge us both Hal. Any thoughts on names?" Harry asked his twin sister.

Hally hesitated before answering. "Mr. Snuffles." She answered, confusion written clearly on her face.

"Why that name Hal?" Harry pressed

"I dunno, but it was the first thing that came to me." Hally answered truthfully

"Okay, but we can take out the Mr. it don't seem right with him and keep the name Snuffles." Harry grinned

"Sounds good to me Harry." Hally grinned in return while Snuffles growled at Draco once more.

"Bloody Hell, I'm only grabbing my damn book!" Draco shouted out in defense.

Hally turned in her lounger, glaring over at Draco suspiciously. "Snuffles, let him be. He knows." Hally ordered the dog, then narrowed her eyes at Draco. "I bet you really were grabbing your book Malfoy, especially when it was already in your hands." she added.

Draco merely shrugged his shoulders. "It was worth the try little Potter." He simply said turning to his book once more.

"Snuffles, if he tries it again, sit on him." Hally made out the request without a care when Screech appeared with several house elves setting a table up and placing platters upon it while one sat a dish of food down for their new pet.

"Eat up boy." the twins grinned at the dog, watching it take a sniff of the food and let out a snort looking back up at them.

"Well go on Snuffles, eat." Hally giggled while they all gathered around the table, helping themselves to the food.

Snuffles looked over to where Draco was in his lounger after he got up to quickly fix himself a plate, finding the dish beside the lounger with a thick sub in the dish, snuck up quietly and suddenly snatched the huge sandwich up before Draco could grab his dish.

"Hey! The mutt of yours took my sandwich Potters!" Draco yelled heatedly

Harry and Hally both looked over to see the dog chomping away on the sub, sniggering. Hally grabbed another sub, taking it over to Draco.

"Here Malfoy, there is plenty you know, so relax." she told him placing the sub onto his plate.

"Whatever, just...make that dog keep his distance little Potter." Draco replied stiffly

"Well your welcome too Malfoy." Hally seethed walking away from him.

Later that evening after everyone had retired for the night. Severus was making his usual rounds about the manor, when he heard padded feet following him. He turned to see the twin's dog following him at a distance. It lowered its head slightly, keeping his eyes on Severus.

"Get to where your supposed to be Snuffles." Severus ordered turning back around to continue his rounds when he suddenly got hit in the back of the head with one of the twin's slippers.

Severus whirled around, finding no one behind him except for the slipper. "Connor, Raven, if you two are playing one of your jokes with me, you both are in for so much trouble." He called out walking towards the twins' private parlor, and finding it empty and extremely quiet with their dog laying on their sofa, raising his head looking at him.

Severus quietly opened the twins' bedroom doors, finding that both twins were sound asleep. He closed Harry's door last when another slipper hit the back of his head once more. Severus quickly turned around to nothing but the dog looking at him with the look of innocence.

Severus quickly headed out to his bedroom. "I must be tired if I'm hallucinating over a pair of slippers hitting my head." he muttered closing his door.

Inside the twins' private parlor, a whinnied sort of laugh erupted softly without being heard before it became silent once more.

A/N: That is all for Chapter 3 see you in chapter 4 bye for now. Oh and can we guess who their new pet is? enjoy:D

## Chapter 4 A SHOCKED SURPRISE/ A SPECIAL PRANK

The grandfather clock inside the twins' private parlor chimed at the hour of one o'clock in the morning after everything became silent throughout the manor, which was exactly the time Draco Malfoy had decided to spy on a certain raven-red-streak-haired-girl while she slept. He did not realize at the time that their new dog was inside the parlor as of yet, for he was just sneaking out of his guest room with a smug look on his face.

Meanwhile inside Harry and Hally's private parlor, a lonely thin figure was scanning through both twin's things, looking at this, looking at that and finding that both twins were bookworms until he heard footsteps approaching. He scrambled quickly just before the person rounded the corner.

Draco Malfoy walked inside the private parlor, scanning the room until his eyes landed upon the twins' new pet dog. "Great, a new obstacle I have to endure..."

"Grrr!" Draco raised his hands up slowly, keeping his eyes on the dog while he backed away gradually.

"Nice dog, good dog..." "What the bloody hell are you doing in here Malfoy!" Draco turned to see Hally glaring at him tiredly.

"I couldn't sleep little Potter, so I thought perhaps I could borrow a book to read..."

"Didn't I see you with a book in your hands yesterday afternoon?" Hally pressed suspiciously

"I've finished reading it little Potter if you must know." Draco replied stiffly.

Hally narrowed her eyes at him. "So I guess Snuffles here is overreacting?" She questioned the platinum-blonde-boy.

"Yes, yes that's it little Potter. He's overreacting here." Draco replied with a look of innocence that Hally knew about all to well.

"Right Malfoy, and I'm the Minister of Magic here. Grab a book and get out of here...oh Snuffles will be in my room Malfoy, to be on the safe side. Goodnight." Hally announced stiffly as she watched Draco walk over to hers and Harry's bookcase, grabbed a book and turned away, an evil grin etched on his face.

"Have to admit, it was worth the try little Potter." He replied leaving the parlor

Hally waited for five seconds before letting out a sigh of relief. "A little too close there...come on boy, your in here for the night just in case he tries anything again." Hally beckoned, letting the dog inside her room before closing the door behind him.

Hally got back in her bed feeling the dog jump up onto it and laying down by her feet.

"Stubborn, rotten Malfoy, always trying something." she yawned, snuggling under her blankets and going back to sleep while the dog tilted its head, looking at her intently, waiting until Hally was sound asleep once more, and then jumped from the bed onto the floor.

Ten minutes later only the lonely figure wandered about inside Hally's bedroom, making sure there was no sound being made while looking through her things and discovering the small potion lab that sat just in the corner of the room. After closing Hally's cabinet, the figure silently crept towards Hally, looking down at her before tip-toeing out of her room and into Harry's room next, finding a snitch flying about in the room. After looking down at Harry's sleeping form, the figure slipped back out of the room and back into Hally's closing the door quietly.

Harry fixed his hair to his standards the next morning after getting dressed when he hear howling coming from his twin sister's room. He quickly shot out of his bedroom, and into Hally's within seconds finding their new pet dog howling on his twins bed while Hally turned over in her sleep with her wings out, stretching contentedly.

Harry bursted into laughter after figuring it out that the dog somehow had gotten a complex over Hally's wings.

"Oh good gods Snuffles, I understand how you feel, but just so you'll know, I have them too..."

The dog howled louder, flopping onto its side waking Hally up.

"What the...oh! Damn it, these wings are a pain here...why is he looking at us like that?" Hally asked sitting up and rubbing her eyes.

"You gave him a complex Hal. Snuffles seen your wings and was howling like he was being killed." Harry sniggered.

Hally looked at the dog, "Sorry boy, but we didn't have a say in this one." she yawned while getting up for the day.

"Come on Snuffles, let's give Hal her privacy. Meet you in the parlor in twenty minutes Hal." Harry grinned leading the dog out of Hally's room.

The twins made their way downstairs after Hally was done getting ready, heading outside to the stables with Snuffles at their side. Entering the family stables the two got to work, cleaning out the stalls thoroughly and putting down fresh straw for the family horses to where once again they nodded their heads happily at the two before they each received a sweet apple treat from them.

"Again they're happy sis. I think they actually enjoy watching us clean their stalls for once." Harry grinned putting his pitchfork away.

"You guessed right big brother...oh by the way, Malfoy tried to sneak into my room last night. He would have succeeded if it wasn't for Snuffles here." Hally informed the raven-haired boy.

Harry looked her way in shock. "He what! I told Malfoy to stay away from you Hal..."

"He didn't make it past Snuffles Harry, which is why he was in my room the rest of the night." Hally stated truthfully.

"Good, because if Snuffles wasn't here, Malfoy would be eating through a straw." Harry simply said

Hally gave him a grin, "I know Harry, but why he was trying to sneak into my room...no one knows." Hally commented

"Probably trying to spy on you or worse. I heard rumors about Malfoy..."

"I heard them too, Harry. He wouldn't have succeeded trust me." Hally intervened

Harry gave her a sly glance. "Who told you about those rumors Hal?" he enquired

"One of the girls at school, and the rumors are true Harry." Hally answered putting her pitchfork away next.

"Oh." Harry muttered as they started to head out of the stables with Snuffles.

The dining room was noisy with their friends talking away and laughing while the adults conversed to each other. The twins walked in after a quick clean up, taking their usual seats close to Severus with Snuffles sitting down behind their chairs, looking up at Severus, making a few light barks here and there at him.

Severus looked down at the dog, "Connor, Raven, keep Snuffles under control," Severus told both twins watching them take turns on pouring themselves a glass of juice each.

"Yes sir. Snuffles quiet boy." Harry spoke, watching the dog lay down and resting its chin on its front paws.

Draco sat his juice goblet down after taking a sip, "Dog is a bloody menace if you ask me..."

"I don't think so Malfoy, considering Snuffles kept you from trying something with my sister last night." Harry intervened, his eyes flashing glares at him.

"Clink" "Oh? What were you trying to go into my daughter's room last night young man?" Severus questioned.

"Malfoy said that he couldn't sleep and needed something to read last night dad, but from the way Snuffles was acting? Malfoy difinitely did not need a book to read." Hally commented while sneaking a slice of ham to Snuffles who happily took it from her hand.

"Then we have an excellent guard dog then...stop feeding the dog from the table Raven." Severus stated with a sigh

"I was only giving him a reward dad." Hally replied innocently while Harry stifled a snigger from being heard.

"I had to adopt twins...," "WOOF!" "Oh shut up you blasted dog." Severus exclaimed while Harry and Hally both cackled in laughter

Lucius looked at his son sternly, "I'll speak to you later young man," he told Draco whose face went paler than usual.

"I hate to be in your shoes right now Malfoy," Harry mumbled being heard by his twin sister who almost choked on her juice over his comment.

"Enough you two." Severus ordered the twins

"S-sorry dad." They both replied simultaneously, sniggering with their friends.

"So Severus, did you have that little talk with your daughter yet?" Lucius enquired suddenly, receiving a challenging look from the potions master.

Hally looked from one to another in bafflement. "What is Mr. Malfoy talking about dad?" Hally asked their father, waiting for an answer.

"Mr. Malfoy and I had a discussion yesterday evening while you, Connor, Draco and your friends were out by the lake Raven. We decided that perhaps it would be best if you and Draco were betrothed...,"

"Oh hell no!" Harry cried out while Hally sat in her seat shocked from the news.

"Connor, our family attorney thought it to be best over this! It seems there was another section of the will he forgotten about...the old goat forgot that my mother wanted to be sure that your sister was betrothed before she turned of age if she did not decide which gives me authority to make one for her, and since Raven has not decided yet...,"

"I heard you dad, you make one for her. But Malfoy?" Harry questioned, trying to keep from gagging.

"I'm going to be sick," Hally muttered with wide eyes.

Draco on the other hand, liked the news considerably. "Hmm...I wonder what kind of wedding we could have then...,"

"In your dreams Malfoy!" Hally yelled out suddenly

"My son can't be that bad Miss Potter...," "Yes he is!" Hally shouted

"Raven calm down...," "I will not calm down! He is the most horrible...snobbish boy I have ever met!" Hally exclaimed

"What about you little Potter! You and your brother are constantly pulling your pranks on me at school...

"Because you deserve them Malfoy for messing with us constantly!" Hally lashed out

"Enough! One more out burst from you two and you both will be in the solarium again!" Severus roared at Hally and Draco.

"And I will stand by his decision!" Lucius announced sternly as they watched the two glare at one another.

"Fine," Draco muttered "Not worth it," Hally sighed looking away reluctantly.

Severus waited a few minutes before continuing. "Now then, since you were informed, it does not mean that you can't see anyone else Raven since you are still a child, however, you will have limits." he informed his daughter while Snuffles put his front paws over his eyes with a loud grunt.

"My thoughts exactly boy," Harry mumbled getting a stern look from Severus.

"Also, it would be best if your brother stands as chaperone for you if by chance you two were in the same room by yourselves, Connor can make sure that nothing happens." Severus announced as Harry caught his meaning, grinning from ear to ear.

"Oh no problem dad," Harry promised while Hally looked up at the ceiling sighing

"Yes sir," Hally simply said, "But I don't want anyone else to know about...this situation. Especially the Gryffindors." she added

"They'll find out eventually little Potter," Draco spoke out

"Not by us they won't," Harry told him in anger

"Nor us here Draco. Sorry, but I can't do that to Pixie Dust, it wouldn't be right." Flint stated hearing the rest agree with him.

"Fine, but it will still get out sometime," Draco stated truthfully

"Well until then, it would be best to keep it quiet for now." Severus and Lucius both told him with stern looks on their faces.

"All right I promise," Draco sighed in defeat while everyone dropped the subject, talking about other things instead while they finished their breakfast.

After breakfast Hally was in the family library studying up for the competition while Harry, Draco and the rest of their Slytherin friends found other activities to do. Hally was reading when she heard the door open and looked up to find Victor Krum come in.

"Sorry, I thought...," "It's fine. You can come in. I'm just studying." Hally grinned watching the bulgarian boy take a seat across from her.

"You not mind Alleyoop?" he asked

"No. Actually I can use the company, even if it will be quiet." Hally answered before she continued to study once more.

"Good...Alleyoop, I was wondering if you would like to go out with me?" Victor enquired with his eyes closed.

Hally looked up from her book at him in surprise. "Me? Go out with you?" she asked

"Sorry, I knew you would say...," "I'd love to," Hally answered with a grin

Victor looked at her, "You'd go out with me?" he asked her

"Yes. What? Did you want me to say no?" Hally asked him with a grin

"Yes...I mean no." Victor grinned while Hally closed her book giggling.

"You have got to relax Victor, I'm not going to hurt you." Hally assured him

"I know, but you being..." "Part veela. Trust me I understand how you feel, so does Harry. We were not too happy when we found out, but we get used to it a little each day." Hally explained

"You not see the full blooded veelas. They can be very intimidating." Victor commented

"I know. I read about it, but if you can over look a certain platinumblonde boy, I would be very happy." Hally sniggered

"Who you mean tiny boy? Oh he not a big deal with me...or any other bulgarian like me," Victor laughed

"Oh good gods," Hally laughed at what Victor said about Draco Malfoy while outside the library, Severus listened in on them quietly while reading his mail at his desk with a smirk on his face.

The two were carrying a conversation, and laughing for sometime before they walked out of the library, heading outside to where Harry and the others were. Lucius passed them both as he entered the main living parlor.

"So I take it that Miss Potter is adjusting to our agreement?" he questioned Lucius

"She is." Severus answered him, reading an important letter

"Good. I thought perhaps my son when they begin their third year, he take the girl to Hogsmead sometimes since they will be allowed this year." Lucius commented sitting down across from Severus.

"I'm afraid that won't be possible." Severus replied, his eyes scanning the letter once more.

"Why is that?" Lucius pressed stiffly until he seen the contents of what was inside the letter.

"It seems that Sirius Black has escaped Azkaban Prison, and could be coming for the twins, meaning Dumbledore has found that it would be best if they stay at the school." Severus announced, nearly flinging the letter down onto his desk in heated anger.

"Ah I see. Well let us hope that they find him before they return to school." Lucius simply said

"Lord I hope so, because Raven will not be happy if she finds that she and her brother cannot go to Hogsmead with their friends." Severus commented with a sigh

"I don't see why they can't go Severus, afterall you'll be the one to sign their parchments to allow them to go," Lucius stated

Severus sat back pondering, "You do have a point, but I'll humor the dirty old man for the first two weeks, and if I find that nothing is wrong, they'll both be able to go into Hogsmead along with the other third years." Severus replied after much thought.

"In the meantime Severus, we must see that two start to get along with each other in some kind of way." Lucius commented reasonably.

"I quite agree, but it will take a lot of work to get them to come to civil terms." Severus pointed out as the two started to make suggestions between each other.

Both twins were outside by the lake with Draco Malfoy, Victor Krum and their Slytherin friends when Screech appeared.

"Miss Raven, Master is wanting to see you...and Young Master Malfoy's father is wanting him as well," Screech announced before disappearing.

"Just great, what did you do Malfoy? Lie and say that we were tormenting you again?" Hally demanded the question to the platinum-blonde-boy before heading towards the manor.

"I should ask the same to you little Potter," Draco sneered his comment, lagging behind as usual.

They both walked into the main living parlor as both fathers gestured them to each take a seat. The two made sure that there was a great amount of distance between them.

"I suppose you both are wondering why you were requested here...,"

"You guessed right Mr. Malfoy..."

"That is enough Raven! Show some respect to our guests!" Severus ordered Hally in a stern manner.

Hally ceased to make any further remarks, averting her eyes from them while tapping her right foot impatiently.

"Lucius and I have come to a sort of arrangement concerning you two. Tomorrow after breakfast we all are going to Diagon Alley. You Raven, will be spending the time with the Malfoy's while we are there do I make myself clear?" Severus questioned the raven-red-streakhaired-girl.

"Yes sir." Hally sighed a groan while Draco smirked triumphantly.

"And after we have lunch there, Draco will spend the rest of the time with us while his parents does their important errands." Severus finished seeing Draco make a face over the news.

"Draco, you are to behave yourself while you are with them. Do you understand me?" Lucius questioned his son

"Yes father." Draco sighed in defeat

"Good. You both may go." Severus told them, letting them leave.

Hally made sure she walked way ahead of Draco, as they made their way back to the lake to join the others. Harry quickly came up to her.

"I heard everything Hal. We can tolerate Malfoy for a whole day don't worry." Harry whispered to her

"I know Harry, but I have a feeling that dad and Mr. Malfoy are trying to push us together for some reason." Hally whispered back

"Yeah I can see that." Harry muttered in low-key pondering for a moment. "One question Hal, between Ron and Malfoy, who would you actually..."

"Not Ron that's for sure." Hally intervened

"Just making sure Hal." Harry grinned at his twin sister

Hally shivered in disgust from imagining her with Ron.

"Now I have to get that image out of my head. Thank a lot Harry." Hally mumbled to her brother

"Sorry Hal, but I had to make sure." Harry sniggered "Although those visions you keep getting over you with a certain jerk over there isn't going away."

"I know that too Harry, but I can't stand him over how he acts towards most of our friends." Hally commented quietly

"Yeah I have to agree with you on that Hal." Harry agreed finding that their dog Snuffles was no longer with them.

"Hey Hal, have you seen Snuffles anywhere?" Harry asked her

"No Harry, I thought he was with you." Hally answered looking around herself.

Snuffles sat in the main hall inside the manor facing toward the direction of the main living parlor when Severus and Lucius both walked out heading to the dining room after receiving news from Screech that lunch would be served shortly. The two men were talking, not paying any attention when they both hit the floor from tripping over a very thin wire that was stretched from one wall to another.

Severus sat up abruptly finding the wire while Lucius thought he heard a whinny sort of laughter several feet away from them.

"Who the bloody hell did this stunt!" Severus yelled out the demand to Screech just after he appeared in the hall.

"I don't know master sir, but both Master Connor and Miss Raven has been by the lake the whole time as your clock reads Master." Screech answered "Looks like you have another prankster in your midst Severus. I just heard someone laugh not too long ago." Lucius replied while brushing himself off from his fall.

Severus looked at his head house elf. "Find the culprit immediately." he seethed getting to his feet.

"Right away Master!" Screech bowed obediently before disappearing with a loud crack.

Severus collected hisself from the fall while Snuffles trotted out to where the twins were. Lucius glanced at the dog before turning his eyes back to Severus.

"Well, we know that your Gryffindors did not do this at least...,"

"No, but someone had and when I find them, they are going to wish..."

"Wish what dad?" the twins asked at once coming towards them with Draco and their friends.

"Someone set a little trap here in the hall. Do you two know anything about this?" Severus questioned the two

"No dad we don't." Harry answered

"And it wasn't Malfoy either dad. He was lagging behind me as usual when we went back out to the lake." Hally answered truthfully

"Well someone did this, and that person will be found." Severus seethed walking into the dining room with Lucius.

Every child looked at each other quietly. "All right who did it?" Harry and Hally both asked at once hearing everyone defending theirselves.

"We were outside with you two." Blaise exclaimed

"We believe you, however, someone obviously did and our dad isn't happy right now." Harry stated

"Yeah, and he rarely gets this angry over a prank from us." Hally replied in agreement with her brother while they all headed inside the dining room for lunch.

An hour later everyone went to do their own thing while Harry and Hally went up to their private parlor with Snuffles to do their experiments. Snuffles let out a howl after watching the two finish their first experiment.

"Gods! Can he get any louder with that noise?" Hally questioned while plugging her ears

"I don't know, but I wish he would stop." Harry cried out over the howling until it got quiet once more.

"I don't think he likes our experiments big brother," Hally giggled at the dog

"I can see that, but we have to make sure your new potions don't hurt anyone Hal. Especially the new first years that are coming this year." Harry sniggered

Snuffles let out a loud grunt, plopping onto his left side as though he fainted from the news.

"Look Harry, he got a complex!" Hally squealed into laughter

"Oh for Merlins sake...Snuffles you have got to get a backbone boy, afterall your hanging with the Lord and Lady Hex here. We have our reputations to keep here." Harry cackled

"Woof" Snuffles thumped his tail happily at the two

Harry looked up at the clock to check the time. "Hal, I promised to play a game of wizard snap with Etre. Can you...,"

"Clean up here? Not a problem Harry." Hally interevened with a grin watching her brother leave.

Hally cleaned up their mess, and had just put her potion ingredients away when she got an idea, turning around and looking down at Snuffles.

"Snuffles, want to play dress up with me? It's a little prank for the Slytherins." Hally grinned evilly

Snuffles tilted his head at her intently. "See there's this one Slytherin that isn't here see, and her name is Pansy Parkinson. She wears pink all the time and...."

Snuffles let out a snort, shaking his head.

"Well all you have to do is wear this sign I'm making here, plus this pink outfit that me and Blaise snitched from her dorm last year." Hally finished seeing the dog nod its head while raising its paw.

"Good boy! Let's get started." Hally laughed putting the outfit on the dog.

Harry was just getting into the game of Wizards snap when he heard roars of laughter, turning around to find Snuffles sitting down behind him, thumping his tail and wearing the most god awful pink outfit he had ever seen. He then noticed a sign hanging on the dogs neck saying "I love you. Kiss the Pansy Parkinson"

"Oh my gods...HAL! WHAT THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU DOING WITH OUR DOG!!" Harry bellowed out over the hysterical laughter while Severus went past him with Lucius.

The two stopped where they were, looking down at the dog and reading the sign.

"Oh good lord!" Lucius roared into laughter

"RAVEN!" Severus boomed out going to search for his daughter.

A/N: that is all for chapter 4 see you in chapter 5 bye for now.

## Chapter 5 THE HANGING MALFOY

Hally stood before everyone inside the main living parlor, grinning with the look of innocence on her face, after Severus had found her inside the family game room upstairs.

"I know you cannot stand the color on this certain outfit Raven, so enlighten me where did you get this...frock from?" Severus questioned, pointing down at Snuffles

Hally looked up at the ceiling, swaying gently until Draco intervened.

"Hey, isn't that the outfit that Pansy was going ballistic over before we left the school for the summer holiday?" Draco enquired

All eyes landed on Hally at that moment. "Raven, care to explain why this...outfit is here?" Severus enquired

"Well...Blaise and I snitched it after Pansy left their dorm." Hally answered with an evil grin on her face.

Harry stood up abruptly looking over at Blaise first, and then at his twin sister. "What were you thinking Hal, putting that...god awful thing on our dog? You could have gave Snuffles a complex!" he cried out. Hally turned her head to him, still grinning evilly.

"But doesn't he look cute Harry? He's Pansy's long lost twin...,"

"Oh good lord!" Lucius roared into laughter along with everyone else. Harry tried his best to keep from laughing, but found that he couldn't. Severus's mouth twitch slightly into a smirk before he got himself under control swiftly.

"Raven, you know better than to do a stunt like that, especially from a Slytherin...,"

"Well if she is going to continue to wear that color, then someone has to send her the message." Hally intervened

"She does have a point Severus. The girl is a walking target when it comes to wearing outfits like that." Lucius commented, giving Hally a surprise as she slowly turned slightly his way, no one had ever had a Malfoy agree with them before.

Hally turned her attention back to Severus. "Mmm, I know however Raven, take that...awful thing off of Snuffles and burn it so it will not turn up again...or on the dog." Severus requested

"Yes sir. Come here Snuffles," Hally giggled as she knelt down in front of hers and Harry's new dog, taking the pink outfit off of him.

Hally stood back up with the outfit in her hand heading out of the main parlor with the rest of the girls giggling, and Snuffles tagging along happily behind her. Harry shook his head along with the boys.

"She has Snuffles spoilt rotten now dad! He actually enjoyed getting dressed up like that!" Harry exclaimed

"Your dog Potter has gone mental if you ask me." Draco commented

"I don't think mental is the word for it Draco. If Connor here was to do anything similar, I believe their dog would be involved right along with him." Severus replied

"Now that would be so cool dad, but I wouldn't make him wear...that thing..."

They heard the girls screaming and running down the stairs. Harry went to peer out to investigate when he seen their dog Snuffles run past the main parlor with some material inside his mouth. He watched Snuffles skid to a halt, turned around, and was soon facing his twin sister at a safe distance, his tail thumping on the marble floor.

"Snuffles, give me back my bikini top right now!" Hally seethed

Snuffles looked over at Harry and the boys, raising up his paw. Harry caught on real quick and started walking over to him grinning from ear to ear.

"Harry don't you dare...HARRY! GIVE IT BACK!" Hally yelled watching her big brother run along side Snuffles with the other boys following behind them, laughing.

Hally ran after them with the other girls. "Hally that dog is playing both sides!" Blaise exclaimed between pants from running.

"I know he is, and when I get my hands on that dog, he's going to wish he never took my bikini top!" Hally exclaimed heatedly.

They skidded to a stop seeing every boy cackle in laughter and patting Harry on the back, except for Draco who was laughing so hard that he was on his knees hitting the groung with his fist.

Hally glared at her twin brother, "Give me back my bikini top Harry." she seethed

"No problem Hal, that is if you can get it down of course." Harry sniggered at her

"Get it down? Now why would...HARRY JAMES! YOU BRING IT DOWN RIGHT NOW!" Hally shrieked out after finding her bikini top hanging at the top of the manor.

"But Hal, it looks so cool there, it could be our...family flag!" Harry cackled in laughter and ducking while his sister slapped him continuously.

Snuffles let out a whinny of a laugh in front of them, but didn't get heard over the loud laughter from their Slytherin friends and Draco Malfoy.

"You rotten brother!" Hally cried out with a grin on her face; she couldn't stay angry with Harry for long.

"You have to admit Hal, it was funny!" Harry guffawed, giving her a big hug

"I suppose so. I guess I deserved that prank, seeing that I did the last one for our friends with Snuffles, but you Snuffles are on my list if you do that stunt again." Hally grinned and pointed down at Snuffles

"WOOF" Snuffles barked and wagged his tail at her.

Harry brought Hally's bikini top down in no time before they headed back inside the manor to get out of the midafternoon heat. They went upstairs to the family game room for their own entertainment, allowing the adults to have time to theirselves.

"Oh yeah! Get her Harry!" Flint cackled while he and the other Slytherins watched th twins battle on one of their favorite wizarding games.

"Hey whose side are you on here Flint?" Hally questioned in between laughs

"Your brother definitely." Etre hooted out

"Boys are so typical, they are always siding with a boy when it comes to these games." Blaise giggled out

Both twins began to nudge each other, trying to foul the other one up in their game.

"Move out of my way Hal!" Harry grinned "You move Harry, I was here first..."

"Green team scores fifty points for goal. Silver team needs to catch up or they will be disqualified for next round."

"Harry James, you big cheater! You made me miss that goal on purpose!" Hally squealed in laughter

"But you love me anyway little sister." Harry sniggered

Their dog Snuffles sat beside their pet dragons Silver and Iris, watching the battle along with them thumping his tail at the same time the two dragons were. He turned his head seeing Severus head past

the huge game room, and started to head out following the potions master.

Everyone were getting into the game when they all heard Severus's voice boom out in the hall.

"CONNOR! RAVEN! WHICH ONE OF YOU TWO PULLED THIS STUNT!" Severus roared in anger stalking into the game room.

Both twins paused their game, looking up at him in confusion.

"We were all in here dad," Harry explained after noticing their father's appearance.

"None of us had left this game room at all." Hally answered truthfully

"Someone here did this to me! When I find out who it was, they are going to wish they never crossed my path!" Severus yelled

Both twins noticed that Severus was completely covered from head to foot in some sort of blue goo when they all heard a whinny of a laugh out in the hall.

"Who is that?" Harry and Hally asked at once

Severus strode to the doorway to find no one there, except for Snuffles trotting inside past him.

"Dad, who was it?" the twins asked once more

"I didn't see them...your both off the hook. Seems that we may have another rogue house elf roaming about again. I'll have Screech alert the others to keep their eyes open." Severus informed them.

"Now I have to get this disgusting goo off of me." everyone heard Severus mutter as they watched him walk out of the game room.

"That's twice in two days that this happened...correction, make that three times." Hally commented thoughtfully

"Yeah I know, it's like someone is out for dad for some odd reason." Harry agreed

The two started to get angry at that moment.

"When I get my hands on whoever it is that is messing with our dad, they are going to wish they were sorry." Hally growled heatedly

"Make that two of us on that Hal." Harry seethed heatedly as well.

"What was that stuff on the professor anyway?" Draco Malfoy questioned out suddenly

"One of Hally's own experimental potion that wasn't ready to test yet. Whoever got our dad, was able to get into Her private cabinet." Harry replied in anger

"Yeah and that person is in real deep trouble when we find out who they are!" Hally stated, still angry as well while Snuffles merely let out a grunt, laying down and covering his face with his two front paws, hiding his face.

During dinner time; everyone was eating and carrying a quiet conversation, except for the twins, who were swirling their food around in their own plates. They were both trying to figure out why anyone would target their own father in their home. Severus noticed their similar patterns.

"You both need to eat. Don't worry about what happened to me earlier." Severus told them both.

Hally let out a sigh and looked up at him. "But dad..."

"Let it alone Raven. I'm fine." Severus intervened

"Yes sir." Hally simply said, turning to her plate once more.

"I still want to get my hands on the one who did it." Harry muttered

"Clink" Lucius looked across the way where Harry was sitting, completely stunned by what he heard. He then looked at Severus, making eye contact with the man. Severus merely raised an eyebrow up as though challenging him to make a retorted comment. Lucius sliced into his beef instead, leaving it alone.

"Connor, I understand how you and Raven feel, but right now is not the time for it young man. We need to discuss how you two want to get your birthday party going and what band you both would like to be there." Severus announced, getting their attention swiftly.

Suddenly both Harry and Hally were chatting away non stop with their Slytherin friends on what they wanted at the party.

Later that night Lucius Malfoy couldn't sleep, it was one of the rarest times that he has and he decided to take a brisk walk outside in the gardens while he took a smoke. He heard footsteps behind him, turning to find no one there. After Lucius finished his smoke, he started to walk back passing a tree when without realizing nor paying attention he stepped into a circle of rope that he sprung unexpectedly. The rope snagged him around the ankle and Lucius soon found himself hanging upside down under the tree.

"SEVERUS! SOMEONE HAD SETTED A BLOODY TRAP OUT HERE!" He bellowed out, hoping that the potions master heard his screams.

Severus was reading a book when he heard the screams, going outside to the gardens to investigate.

"What the bloody hell..." "GET ME DOWN FROM HERE!" Lucius hollared out

Severus got him down quickly, giving him a hand up on his feet.

"How the bloody hell did this happen..."

"It's a damn muggle trap! The only one I know that could do this here is your adopted son...,"

"Both Connor and Raven are with the other children watching a movie that Connor had received from their aunt Lucius, besides Connor has kept his word on behaving himself while you and your family are here." Severus informed him

"Well someone put this here!" Lucius shouted out before they heard the whinnied laughter once more.

"That is not Connor nor Raven. I can vouch for that because we all heard that laugh when we were in the family game room earlier this afternoon." Severus stated truthfully.

The two headed to the direction on where the laughter was coming from. They found...nothing, but Snuffles rolling around on the ground, barking in his usual way.

"Honestly Severus, how are you going to keep others from breaking inside when your Gryffindor's own dog won't guard your home." Lucius replied stiffly before heading back towards the manor.

Severus waited a few minutes before his eyes pierced down at the dog.

"You had better start guarding this manor if your going to stay here you blasted dog." Severus simply said before following Lucius back into the manor.

Snuffles wagged his tail repeatedly while he watched the potions master go inside for the night.

A/N: that is all for chapter 5 see you in chapter 6 bye for now.

## Chapter 6

The lonely figure kept in the shadows watching Severus enter the manor, letting out a snort after the potions master was at a fair enough distance.

"Goodnight Snivilus. May your dreams be your worst nightmares." The figure sneered "Imagine James and Lily's twins being raised by you...the horror...and what the bloody hell is with all that black color on those two I do not want to know." The figure added with a shudder, before he transformed back to head inside the manor.

The twins were cuddled up on cushions along with their Slytherin friends on the floor watching their new movie that Harry received from their Aunt Petunia when Snuffles padded in laying down in between the twins. Snuffles raised his head up watching Hally hold onto to her pet dragon Silver with wide eyes, and then up at Harry who had a hold of his pet dragon Iris, but it was the exact opposite, Harry was keeping Iris calm while she shook watching the movie in fear.

"Woof" Snuffles barked lightly after turning his head back towards Hally.

Hally suddenly let out a scream, covering her face up on her dragon Silver. Harry looked over at her and started laughing along with their friends, pointing his finger at her.

"Hal, it's just a movie. It isn't real." Harry laughed

"I know! I'm going to get Snuffles for scaring me like that." Hally mumbled

"Ma got scared." Silver announced beaming with pride. "I'm a good protector."

"Da protects me from scary things inside funny box." Iris replied happily

Everyone laughed at the two dragon's comments, except for Draco who hid his face after hearing Hally scream out. Hally was the first to notice that he was nowhere to be seen.

"Wait a second. Where's Malfoy?" Hally enquired suddenly, looking around the room.

"I don't know...Malfoy! What the bloody hell are you doing hiding under the cushions?" Harry asked suddenly before bursting into laughter with the rest of the Slytherins.

Draco came out from under the cushions, acting as though nothing happened.

"I was looking for my watch Potter, not what you and everyone else was thinking." He simply said, brushing his clothes with his hands as though there was dust on them.

Snuffles merely grunted. 'I bet that's what you were doing you little Malfoy look alike'

Hally whispered in her dragons ear before letting him head over towards Draco.

"Here boy toy, I'll protect you from the scary things inside funny box." Silver announced

Laughter, cackles, hoots, and sniggers erupted inside the room. "No thanks, I'm sure your owner little Potter there needs you more than I do..."

"Actually I have Snuffles here If I need him Malfoy. Just make sure you don't squeeze the air out of my dragon." Hally commented in between laughter.

Draco gave Hally glares before turning his head away from her, letting Silver sit down beside him. Hally merely shrugged her shoulders at him.

"If it makes you feel better Malfoy, I got scared myself from Snuffles barking at me." Hally replied, getting closer to Snuffles, Iris, and Harry before watching the movie once more.

Everyone settled down to finish watching the horror movie.

"What kind of Muggles would make up stuff like this? And what is the point of a hockey mask anyway?" Draco asked suddenly after a few minutes.

"Because his face is supposed to be grotesque Malfoy. You have to watch the first movie to catch on." Harry answered. Hally turned his way.

"You mean that there are more of these Harry?" Hally enquired quietly

"Yeah. Weird huh? They make millions making movies like this one." Harry grinned

Hally looked at the movie. "I don't know if I would be able to see all of them from just by seeing this one." she muttered before hiding her face in Snuffles fur and hugging the dog tight.

' Oh Bloody hell! This girl has a tight hold on me to where I can't breathe.' Snuffles let out a howl which made all the girls scream.

Harry looked down and started to snigger. "Well no wonder Snuffles howled. Hal, your squeezing him too tight."

Hally loosened her grip. "Sorry boy, got into the movie a bit too much." Hally stated scratching behind Snuffles left ear.

'No problem, but next time not too tight.' Snuffle thought to himself, giving Hally a swift lick in the face. Snuffles watched the movie along with them, then tilted his head at a scary scene.

'They call this a horror movie...hmm...I wonder if I could scare that little Malfoy brat good enough to make him wet his pants.' Snuffles thought before he squirmed out of Hally's grasp without her noticing.

Snuffles shimmied across the room on his tummy towards Draco without anyone noticing except for Harry who quietly gave his sister a nudge to get her attention. Both twins watched their dog shimmy right up behind Draco and laid his right paw right onto his shoulder. Draco suddenly let out a loud wail, and practically ran over Flint and Etre to get away from whatever touched his shoulder.

"The bloody hell are you doing Malfoy...,"

"Oh good gods Snuffles! That was so cruel scaring Malfoy like that!" Hally squealed out laughing

"Now that was funny! Never seen anyone run like that before!" Harry cackled between laughs.

Draco whirled around to find Snuffles sitting where he was, wagging his tail.

"That dog is a bloody menace!" Draco shouted heatedly at both twins.

"Aw Malfoy didn't like the harmless prank Hal." Harry sniggered

"I guess he still needs to get a backbone." Hally giggled

Draco glared at the two before walking back to where he was sitting. He took his place next to Silver once more, turning his attention back to the movie.

'Be afraid you little Malfoy brat! Be very afraid!' Snuffles thought heading back over to where the twins were. 'And stay the bloody hell away from Hally! She's too good for the likes of you, you little dirt sniffer.'

Everyone finished watching the movie in silence.

The clock chimed midnight out side in the main hall, Harry, Hally and their friends were still wide awake after watching the movie, not to mention hungry. They all headed downstairs after the twins called their father's head house elf Screech to get them al something to eat,

heading into the dining room. They all took a seat, chatting away while Silver, Iris, and Snuffles stayed by the twins, thumping their tails.

'This is what I have converted to, sitting with two young luck dragons, waiting for something to eat.' Snuffles thought tilting his head up at both twins until Hally snuck him a thick sub sandwich with extra cheese, and then rubbed him on the head gently.

"I still say that wizarding movies are way better than that...Muggle movie you had us watching Potter." Draco commented

'Really now you little Malfoy brat, then why the bloody hell were you screaming your head off like a little girl.' Snuffles thought while he ate his sandwich.

"But wasn't that you Malfoy that was screaming for dear life up there beside Hal and the rest of the girls?" Harry questioned the platinum-blonde-boy.

"I don't know what you are talking about Potter. The only one I heard screaming was your little sister." Draco replied with a sniff

"Sure it was only me Malfoy...not!" Hally snorted in retaliation. She reached for hers and Harry's favorites, filling her plate full before passing the platters to Harry next.

"Yeah, Malfoy. Why don't you just accept the fact that you were screaming just like we were." Blaise and Maryanne intervened

"When little Potter stops denying who I really am to her then I will." Draco smirked over to where Hally sat

Hally simply shook her head while she rolled her eyes at his comment. "When snakes grows wings Malfoy." she simply said in a sneer.

"Like I said when she stops then I will." Draco pointed out turning to his food on his plate until he and everyone else heard a loud burp erupt in the dining room.

"Who was that?" Hally sniggered looking around the table

They heard the burp once more. Harry looked down grinning from ear to ear.

"Oh cool, it's Snuffles doing that." Harry sniggered

Everyone sniggered except for Draco who made a comment. "You need to teach that dog some discipline if you ask me." he blurted out

Harry and Hally turned their heads towards his way with glares. "Well, we never asked you Malfoy, and he is only a dog, it's normal for them to burp." Harry retorted

"Yeah Malfoy, like I guess its normal for you to look like the color of paper." Hally replied

Harry bursted into laughter, " Now that was funny! Good one Hal." Harry cackled

"My color is just fine thank you Potters, besides all Malfoy's look like this." Draco announced stiffly.

"Then we all better get those Muggle sunglasses then, to keep the glare out of our eyes." Hally sneered once more. Several sniggers erupted inside the dining room.

Draco narrowed his eyes over at Hally, "What does that suppose to mean little Potter?" he questioned.

'It means your as white as a ghost and need to get some color on you, you little Malfoy brat.' Snuffles thought looking up at the twins and waiting for more food.

"Exactly what it means Malfoy. Your way too pale in complexion like you have never been out in the sun long enough to get a tan." Hally answered truthfully. "Although I don't have anything against it." she added with a mere shrug.

'Too damn nice to him Hally, we're enemies to the Malfoys. What is wrong with you girl...'

"Hey it was your veela part of you that chose me as your soulmate little Potter, and like I said twice before show me the proof." Draco simply said looking at the platters on the table.

'Oh good lord no! Not James and Lily's little girl! The shame of it all!' Snuffles thought before letting out a howl

"Oh gods Snuffles! Snuffles stop that howling boy!" Hally exclaimed plugging her ears.

"Really boy, you have got to stop or dad will make you sleep outside permanently." Harry cried out, plugging his ears as well.

"It's as if your dog doesn't like the idea of Malfoy being Pixie Dust's soulmate." Flint commented thoughtfully

"He'll get over it. It's not like she'll be neglected...,"

"I don't care if your family has money Malfoy for the last damn time! It's your attitude towards Muggles and Hermione that I can't stand! Not to mention two inches of gel that you constantly put in your hair! If you would just cut down on it you wouldn't look like a dog playing in an oil field! And if or when your attitude changes over Muggles and Hermione then come see me, but other than that keep the bloody hell away from me." Hally lectured, her breathing soft, but heavy from anger.

Draco slightly bowed his head at her with an evil grin on his face. "We'll see little Potter...,'

"You heard my sister Malfoy, now lay off! She meant in a few years, not at this moment." Harry warned the platinum-blonde-boy.

"Whatever Potter, I'll leave it alone...for now." Draco simply said before they all finished taking their fill and heading to bed for the night.

**NEXT DAY** 

After breakfast everyone arrived in Diagon Alley splitting up as planned. Hally went along with Draco and his parents, Harry went along with their dad and the rest of their guests, except for Snuffles, who after much consideration from both twins and Severus, tagged along with Hally for protection.

'Smart move Snivilus. You actually do have a brain for other things other than potions and books.' Snuffles thought nudging his nose in Hally's left hand to let her know that she wasn't alone.

Hally looked down at Snuffles, grinning slightly. "I promise boy, I'll get you a treat after this...,"

"Why can't I have it father? I done what you wanted, I raised my scores up." Draco was begging for something from Lucius as usual.

"A big treat after this." Hally whispered to Snuffles after witnessing the fit Draco was having from not getting his way.

"I told you son, that you have to make sure you keep them up this year in order to receive your reward...Miss Potter, are you keeping up with us?" Lucius questioned to Hally, looking around for her.

"She's right beside me Lucius. She hasn't been lagging behind at all." Narcissa stated in assurance.

"Ah. I see, perhaps our son should learn from her then." Lucius simply said.

Hally looked away, rolling her eyes when a display got her attention. She stopped with Snuffles looking in awe.

"Wicked." Hally muttered, seeing a latest fashion on display for young witches and wizards.

The Malfoys walked to where she and Snuffles stood, looking at the display as well.

"You can't afford that little Potter...,"

"I can too!" Hally retorted, getting riled up by Draco's sneering comment

Draco laughed. "Yeah right. Like you have an account here...,"

"I do too Malfoy! Me, Harry, and our dad each have an account here!" Hally argued

"Prove it." Draco smirked at her

Hally gave Draco a death glare before ushering Snuffles inside the business with her and Narcissa. Both Malfoy men followed behind them.

The patrons hustled and bustled around them while Hally walked right up to the counter with the Malfoys. Draco was still smirking at Hally until the owner gave her a greeting smile and started to wait on her swiftly.

Hally looked at Draco triumphantly. "You were saying Malfoy?" she questioned

"All right you proved it little Potter, you don't have to rub it in sheesh." Draco rolled his eyes at her in annoyance.

"I don't have to rub it in Malfoy, the look on your face is priceless enough." Hally replied looking at other items quietly, eager to meet up with her brother and their dad once more.

Hally looked at an outfit for a mere second before putting it back while making a face.

"Not that one difinitely. That one would be alot better in black." Hally muttered then noticed Snuffles covering his face with hi left paw. "Sorry, but it is my favorite color as well as Silver."

'I am going to kill Snivilus for brain washing James and Lily's twins!' Snuffles thought while making a grunt.

Lucius glanced down at the dog. "Funny, I keep thinking that this dog is familiar somehow, but I can't place where." he commented before shaking it off without another thought.

Hally took another outfit off the rack, "Oh look, it's Pansy all over again...blah!" Hally gagged putting the outfit back. Narcissa only gave her a warm smile.

"Hey Malfoy, I have a question, why hasn't anyone black balled her yet? I mean look at her clothes, clearly the sorting hat misplaced her in Slytherin." Hally replied

"I don't know little Potter, why did the sorting hat place you in Gryffindor?" Draco questioned her suddenly.

Hally simply ignored the question going to another rack.

Meanwhile Harry was having the time of his life with their Slytherin friends and Severus, searching for the perfect birthday gift for his twin sister Hally.

"Hey dad. How about this? It's nice, but not too flashy." Harry suggested holding up a golden diamond necklace to show Severus.

"Very nice indeed Connor. Raven would love it." Severus agreed with a nod "As long as it is not too flashy or way too extravagant. Raven has never been into materialistic things that are too big for her taste."

"I know dad...wait a second, why would the veela part of Hal choose Malfoy if she isn't into materialistic things dad?" Harry enquired

"We may never know why Connor." Severus answered with a sigh.

They continued to browse around allowing the others to search for what they wanted to puchase for Harry and Hally both for their birthday. Severus browsed around himself for the twin's birthday as well coming across two identical items that were exactly what the twins needed, especially for their newest class, care of magical creatures.

After both parties were finished, they all met up together for lunch at a small restaurant inside Diagon Alley. Both twins could not help, but notice several wanted posters hanging around several businesses, but when they kept trying to get a closer look at them, Severus would steer them away in quick strides until they entered their destination being led to their seats.

"Dad, what's with the posters outside?" Harry and Hally asked in unison.

"It's nothing for you two to worry about." Severus simply told them, dropping the subject quickly.

"Sure seemed like something important." Hally muttered quietly

"Especially when they're practically everywhere." Harry mumbled

"Those posters are for the adults concern you two, nothing more. Now let's continue to enjoy the day shall we." Severus suggested sternly

"Yes sir." both Harry and Hally answered, letting the matter go.

After lunch; it was Draco's turn to join Harry, Hally, and Severus along with their Slytherin friends while his parents went to do their errands. He lagged behind the party constantly until Snuffles started to grab a hold of his robe, pulling him to make him keep up with them.

'Move your scrawny legs you little Malfoy brat! I'm not your damn babysitter you know!' Snuffles thought, making growling noises here and there.

"Get off me mutt! This robe is expensive!" Draco cried out, trying to get his robe out of Snuffles's mouth.

Hally stopped, turned and noticed the scene. "Well if you would keep up with us Malfoy, he wouldn't be pulling on your robe." She pointed out, turning to catch up with the others.

"Dog is a bloody menace." Draco muttered in annoyance, picking up his pace at last.

"It takes one to know one Malfoy, now come on. I want to check out that new shop that suppose to sell frangrances and stuff." Hally replied. "Besides, Snuffles needs more Mulberry wash and I want to make sure we have plenty for him."

"Your spoiling that dog, you know that little Potter." Draco simply said, shaking his head at her.

"I'm not spoiling him Malfoy, I'd much rather have him smell better than the way he did when we found him." Hally stated as they caught up with Severus, Harry and the rest.

They all headed into the new shop, discovering many items along the walls, shelves and isles full of many fragrances. Severus watched while both twins took off in different directions with their friends. Draco decided to go the way Harry went since all the other boys headed in that same direction.

Hally browsed through the isles, "Let's see...Berry Medley, I have to try that one, Blueberries and Cream, Loved it and I want more of that one, Mulberry delight, I think a case would do for Snuffles for now, and...Cinnamon Apples, I would like to try this one too." Hally told one of the patrons as they grabbed the items she asked for after her arms got too full to carry more.

Harry roamed through the other side of the shop where they sold scents for men. "Cool, there's sour Apple, sandalwood, and other cool stuff here." Harry grinned grabbing different scents for himself and getting help from another patron when his arms had gotten too full as well.

Draco grabbed for items himself as well as the other guys. He came across a new gel, one that only need one application a day instead of constantly, pondering on what Harry's little sister had said the night before and decided to purchase it. Harry noticed it in Draco's hands as he was going past him.

"Well good lord Malfoy, you are actually taking my sister's advice? Quick everyone, the end of the world is here." Harry sniggered

"Oh shut up Potter." Draco told him heading up to the front of the shop to purchase his items.

Everyone met up at the counter, paying for their purchases one at a time while a couple of patrons sprayed out some fragrances around them, one sprayed Draco as he walked by. He stood just behind the twins when Hally started to sniff lightly looking around and turned to look at him.

Harry glanced at her. "Hal, what's with you?" he questioned

"That scent Harry. It smells...good." Hally answered truthfully, being heard by Severus who found that Draco was the one who was wearing the scent and quickly took hold of Hally, giving Harry her money and taking her out the door in quick strides.

"Dad...," "Safety reasons Connor. Draco is wearing that scent and any second longer, there would be chaos in here." Severus explained just before he closed the shops door.

Harry paid for his and Hally's purchases while Draco went to see what the scent was, adding it to his purchases without notice, with a new scheme starting to form up in his head. Snuffles watched him suspiciously.

'What ever you have running in you puny brain you little Malfoy brat, consider it backfiring with a vengence!' Snuffles thought, watching Draco walk out of the shop with an evil grin on his face.

After everyone met up once more, they headed back to Snape manor just in time for tea. Everyone sat down sighing in relief from the heat while Snuffles kept close to Hally as though his life depended on it. Both twins noticed this, but left it alone, not knowing why Snuffles was suddenly in a guarding mood.

Later that evening Hally had headed into the family library to study when she found Draco there waiting for her. Snuffles was sleeping soundly under the table until he heard their voices, lifting his head up and listened quietly.

"What are you doing in here Malfoy? You know this area is closed off around this time for my studying time..."

"I know that little Potter, I was wondering what was that scent that you liked in that shop?" Draco enquired with a smirk.

"None of your business..." "Would it be this one I'm wearing right now..."

"GRRRR!" the two looked down to find Snuffles growling and snarling at Draco.

"Uh heh, I believe you better slowly get out of here Malfoy, before Snuffles has you for a snack." Hally grinned evilly until she seen him look back at her.

"This is not over by a long shot little Potter, but for now good luck with your studying." Draco whispered before leaving the library.

Hally turned back to Snuffles. "Good boy." she grinned taking a seat at the table to study while Snuffles stood guard at the door.

A/N: that is all for chapter 6 see you in chapter 7 bye for now.

## Chapter 7 A NEW MALFOY IS BORN

'Lousy no good little Malfoy brat! No one touches James and Lily's twins!' Snuffles thought after a few minutes of realizing that Draco was not coming back into the library to try something with Hally again. He layed down in front of the door with his two front paws stretched before him.

Hally glanced down at Snuffles every few minutes, grinning from ear to ear. "If I didn't know any better Snuffles, I could swear that you know Malfoy's family very well." Hally giggled while she studied for her upcoming competition.

'You have no idea you little squirt,' Snuffles thought while making a slight grunting sound.

Meanwhile Draco was in the main hall, taking slight peeks, and finding that Snuffles was now lying in front of the Snape's family library. He muttered several curses under his breath before walking away to meet up with the other Slytherins that were hanging around Harry. Victor Krum walked past him without notice, heading into the library, and finding Snuffles at the door letting out low growls. Hally looked up from her book, noticing.

"its okay Snuffles, he's not going to try anything with me. I trust him," Hally grinned, watching Victor steer around Snuffles wearily. "Sorry, but Malfoy was trying something not too long ago."

"Tiny boy I went past? Oh, now I see. He no like him either then." Victor laughed along with Hally.

"You could say that," Hally laughed before the two started to study in silence.

Draco stalked into the family game room, still muttering curses until he found Harry grinning evilly at him.

"Nice try Malfoy, but I think that Snuffles is on to your little scheme." Harry commented with a snigger.

"Now how the bloody hell did you find out that fast Potter?" Draco questioned with narrowed eyes.

"You're forgetting Malfoy, Hal and I invented the quick note cards." Harry reminded the platinum-blonde-boy by showing him a card with writing on it.

"You two are just like that dog of yours, a menace." Draco sneered at Harry.

Harry merely shrugged his shoulders at him, "Maybe, but you didn't win today." He replied, hearing the other Slytherins burst into laughter from his remark.

Draco took a seat next to Etre, keeping eye contact with Harry, "I might not have won this round Potter, but I will eventually." He smirked at the raven-haired-boy.

"Care to wager a bet on that Malfoy?" Harry questioned him suddenly.

Draco gave it a thought before replying. "I have nothing to lose here Potter, but what are the stakes?" he enquired with interest.

"100 galleons says that Hal won't yield to you within let's see now...we're going into our third year here....three years from now." Harry wagered after calculating the stakes with much thought.

"Heh, your on Potter, and the winner will be paid right in front of the entire school." Draco accepted

"I don't have a problem with that Malfoy; just make sure you have your money satchel on hand when you lose." Harry grinned evilly.

Flint intervened just then, "I think that it would be best if this wager was written down with someone keeping a hold of it until that time comes." Flint informed them.

"I choose our dad to keep a hold of it." Harry announced, with a look of challenge to Draco, daring him to argue over it.

"I have no problem with that." Draco agreed, keeping his eyes on Harry the whole time he spoke.

Flint found some parchment paper, quill and ink, and wrote everything down. Soon Harry and Draco both signed the bottom of the parchment without reluctance before everyone filed out of the game room in search for the adults.

They found them sitting outside on the patio near the gardens, conversing with one another.

Harry cleared his throat, getting Severus's attention. "Dad, Malfoy and I have this wager on Hal see, and well....could you by chance keep a hold of this until someone wins?" Harry enquired while Flint handed the potions master the parchment.

Severus scanned the parchment. "Oh good lord...Connor, do you realize that if Raven was to see this, she would have yours and Draco's hides on a silver platter?" Severus questioned

"Yeah I know, cool huh?" Harry grinned evilly at him

"Amusing is a better word for it. I'll have Screech put this in a safe place until it is time." Severus chuckled while Lucius had gotten a glimpse of the parchment.

They headed back inside the manor. "A wager on Miss Potter? This will certainly be most entertaining to see." Lucius commented with a light tap from his cane.

"I have a feeling that this will be more than entertaining. If Raven was to find out about this, both boys would be in for a very rough time." Severus pointed out

"Are you going to tell her?" Lucius enquired with a raised eyebrow

"No. For once in Raven's life, she has to realize that not everything will go her way. I'm siding with my godson on this one." Severus stated

"Now that is not fair Severus, your own son made this wager. At least let me side with my own and take your son's side..."

"Certainly not! You can side with my son for once Lucius, or are you still that angry with him for losing your house elf?" Severus smirked

"Ridiculous! If that is how you want to play this, then I will side with your adopted son...but hear this Severus, that girl will be in my family for my wife's sake as well as my son's not mine." Lucius spoke out at last.

"One could only hope Lucius...Igor, not one word of this to anyone. I know you too well." Severus stated.

"Bah! I keep quiet, not my place to interfere." Igor Karkaroff simply said with a chuckle. "But do not understand why Lucius has grudge over your daughter..."

"I do not wish to speak of...that matter..."

"Dad, I'm finished studying for the evening." Hally intervened suddenly before she got a chance to hear them talk about her.

"Very good Raven. I hope that you did not missed any part of those books. You never know what they will have ready for you in that competition."

"I haven't dad." Hally assured him while grinning from ear to ear.

"She very good at studying. If Allyoop were at Durmstrang, she would be top student." Victor Krum beamed down at Hally

"Yes I know she would have been." Severus agreed before looking back at Hally once more. "Raven, you can relax now, but don't forget that you have one more day before the potions competition begins and I want you in top form for it."

"Yes sir...Mrs. Malfoy?" Hally asked fidgeting her feet in front of them.

"Yes?" Narcissa enquired "Um...you might want to...that is..."

"Out with it Raven." Severus insisted

"She might want to have a healer ready. She's going to be feeling different in a few hours." Hally spoke out before she quickly headed back inside the manor.

Victor watched Hally's back disappear inside. "What she mean by that sir?" he enquired scratching his head in wonder.

Severus let out a small chuckle. "Raven has a gift for divination Mr. Krum. She sees things before they happen." He answered

"Yes well, all things considered, she couldn't possibly know when my wife will have our child...but I don't think it would hurt if we were to have a healer ready just in case." Lucius commented after receiving an angry look from his wife Narcissa.

A crackle of thunder erupted in the sky from a distance. Severus looked up to see storm clouds rolling towards them.

"I believe everyone, that we will have to head inside right now. There is a storm coming our way." He announced getting up on his feet without haste while Lucius helped Narcissa up on her feet with ease just as Igor Karkaroff got to his feet.

They headed inside the manor just before the wind began to blow ferociously.

Lightening flashed followed by a loud crackle of thunder outside while sheets of rain pelted against the window panes. Harry and Hally stood looking out the window inside the main living parlor, watching the storm continue before turning from the window. Everything was going fine until Narcissa let out a gasp while placing her hand on her tummy.

"Uh-oh." Hally muttered looking over at Severus quickly

"Narcissa come on, I'm taking you upstairs." Lucius beckoned while Draco looked from his mother to his father quietly watching them leave the main parlor.

Suddenly Severus took off out of the main parlor next to lend a hand if necessary. Everyone was silent giving Draco slight glances at him just before he slipped out to head upstairs.

"Um Hal...," "Yeah I know Harry." Hally intervened heading out next.

Hally found the platinum-blonde-boy at the top of the stairs, sitting and brooding. She took a seat beside him.

"I'm not in the mood little Potter, so just leave me alone." Draco spat out

"Well gee Malfoy your welcome for trying to talk civil to you for once," Hally spoke with a tinge of anger in her voice.

Draco only snorted while he continued to brood. Hally rolled her eyes at him.

"You know something Malfoy? You really need to get a grip on life and see this thing in a good way. You'll be the big brother looking out for a little brother or sister." Hally told him

"I can see it now, me being the ultimate big brother to whatever my mother is having right now." Draco sneered

Hally got up on her feet. "Forget I said anything Malfoy! Better yet whatever your mother has, I truely feel sorry for the sibling because you will always be nothing, but a big spoiled brat!" Hally seethed walking back downstairs in anger and leaving Draco alone.

Whispers erupted downstairs over the heated words between Draco and Hally. Draco listened quietly while he heard Harry speak to his twin sister in a low voice.

"Come on Hal, don't let Malfoy get to you." Harry whispered

"He's a spoiled brat who thinks of nothing, but himself. It's not the baby's fault that it was conceived in that family." Hally whispered back

"Hey you tried to be nice to him Hal. It's not our problem if Malfoy doesn't want to accept that he's going to be a big brother." Harry commented in low-key

"I know that Harry." Hally whispered then let out a sigh. "I just want to forget that I tried to talk to him."

Draco listened to their footsteps fade out before he got up, heading towards his parent's guest room to sit near the door.

The twins along with their Slytherin friends took turns taking peeks out of the entertainment room for some sign of news over the Malfoy's newest family member. Harry had Screech bring them all something to eat while they waited. They heard someone walk in thinking that it was Severus, turning to see Draco walk inside. They simply shrugged their shoulders, turning away, leaving him alone while he brooded over the situation.

"I wonder what Mrs. Malfoy is going to have." Blaise commented thoughtfully

"I don't know, but I hope when it grows up, it won't act anything like Malfoy." Maryanne Greengrass whispered quietly until Severus walked in

"Ahem! Draco you are now a brother to a little girl. Your parents are requesting your presence to see her." Severus announced.

Draco glanced over at Hally, seeing her glare back at him before he headed out. Severus looked over to where his twins were standing, noticing the look on Hally's face.

"All right, what did I miss this time?" Severus questioned everyone.

Both twins along with their Slytherin friends did not hesitate to inform him on what had transpired between Draco and Hally earlier.

"I see. Raven no one stays that way forever young lady." Severus reasoned

Hally simply looked away in anger. "She was trying to be nice to him dad, but...well, he sneered at her point of view as usual." Harry spoke

"You have to give the boy time to adjust...,"

"Adjust hell! He needs a good swift kick in the pants is what he needs!" Hally cried out heatedly.

"That will be up to Draco's parents if they decide whether or not he needs to be disciplined, not us young lady do I make myself clear?" Severus questioned Hally sternly

Snuffles lifted his head at the question watching Severus look at Hally in a stern manner.

'Come on squirt, tell him off...'

"Yes sir." Hally sighed in defeat

'I am going to get you for that Snivilus for taking up for that little dirt sniffer instead of her!' Snuffles thought letting out a few light growls at Severus.

"Good...I suggest that everyone stay quiet for the baby's sake while they are here, however, since this area has a silencing charm inside, you may carry on to whatever you all were doing." Severus informed them before heading out.

"I hate it when he sides with Malfoy." Hally commented moments later

"I agree with you there Hal." Harry stated while they both turned around to fill their plates up.

The lone figure laughed quietly after he had just finished his task.

"Let's see you get out of this predicament this time Snivilus." the lone figure laughed in low-key before transforming after he slipped out of sight.

Severus strode down the hall in his usual manner when his foot went inside a small circle of rope. The rope tightened around his ankle, and before Severus knew it, he went down and started to get dragged down the hall.

"BLOODY HELL!" Severus boomed out being heard by the twins and everyone as they peered outside the doors, watching him go right past the door.

"What the..." "Oh gods!" Hally cried out noticing the obstacle that Severus was heading for.

"Harry! Dad is heading straight for the armors!" Hally exclaimed taking off after their dad.

"Oh no! I'm coming Hal!" Harry cried out running to lend a hand as well.

Severus struggled to get the rope off of his ankle until he realized that he was heading to the row of Armors.

"GOOD LORD! LUCIUS!" Severus bellowed out going past Lucius's guest room door.

Lucius opened the door looking seeing the twins run past and noticed the reason. He took off behind them while Draco peered out the door next seeing everything.

Severus was dragged around from one armor to another like an obstacle course and head straight for the huge gong that was part of his oriental collection.

"BONG!" Severus's head hit the gong just before he was lifted upside down from the ceiling, his arms fluttering wildly.

The twins skidded to a halt with Lucius behind them. "Dad! Are you all right?" Hally asked in concern

Severus gritted his teeth, "Yes Raven, I am fine. I would very much like to get down from here, Lucius would you please help get me down?" Severus requested after answering Hally.

"Of course Severus..." They all heard the whinning laugh once more.

"BLAST THAT ROGUE! I WANT THE LITTLE CULPRIT FOUND IMMEDIATELY!" Severus boomed while Lucius eased him down to the marble floor.

"We all do dad. That was a mean thing to do." Hally stated

"Yeah you could have gotten hurt this time." Harry agreed

Both men looked down at the twins from their comments. They noticed Hally looked quite upset from witnessing that scene.

"I'm fine Raven, calm down. You calm down as well Connor. We'll find that rogue house-elf before something else goes wrong here." Severus told them while he brushed hisself off quickly.

"I certainly hope so Severus, because I don't know if we all can take much more of this." Lucius pointed out before looking down at Hally suddenly.

"For some odd reason Miss Potter, my wife wanted you to come and see the baby before she rests. She specifically stated that she will not rest until you graced her with your presence." Lucius added.

"I think that I should stay out of the way Mr. Malfoy...,"

"Oh go on Hal, you know you want to see the baby." Harry urged grinning at her.

"Go on Raven." Severus ordered her gently

"Oh, all right." Hally sighed quietly following Lucius to his guest room.

She walked in quietly seeing Draco sitting close by watching her in silence, and then noticed Narcissa look her way smiling.

"Well come in Miss Potter. Isn't she beautiful?" Narcissa beckoned smiling down at her newborn baby warmly.

Hally peered at the tiny infant quietly. "Yes maam." She simply said quietly, giving a small smile to the baby while Lucius and Narcissa watched her closely. Hally looked at Narcissa.

"I'll go now Mrs. Malfoy. You do need your rest and I don't want to impose on you any further." Hally explained politely.

"Your not imposing young lady. You were invited to see her." Lucius replied

Draco let out a snort being heard. "Something to say Draco?" Lucius questioned him sternly.

"No sir." Draco grumbled leaving well enough alone.

"I'll go now. She's very sweet Mrs. Malfoy, goodnight." Hally grinned leaving the guest room and closed the door quietly behind her.

Hally walked into the entertainment room.

"Well Hally, what does she look like?" Blaise enquired

"She's beautiful. Malfoy doesn't know what he's missing out on." Hally grinned

Meanwhile Draco stood over Hally's old baby crib looking down at his new baby sister while his mother went to sleep at last. His father Lucius had stepped out for the moment, leaving Draco with his mother and the tiny infant. He pulled the blanket away just slightly, looking at the baby intently before he tucked her in once more.

"I guess I can deal with being a big brother, I mean look at Potter, he's got to deal with a twin sister whose younger than him by a few

minutes." Draco muttered to himself and the little infant, who was sleeping peacefully. He sat back down close to his mother just in case she needed anything.

Inside the entertainment room, the twins and their friends celebrated the new arrival of a future little Slytherin while Snuffles covered his paws over his face.

'The humility of it all! James and Lily's twins partying over a new little Slytherin! Severus you will pay for this one!' Snuffles thought, thinking of a new scheme to get Severus with.

A/N: That is all for chapter 7 see you in chapter 8 bye for now.

## Chapter 8 THE TWINS STRIKE BACK!

The twins were gathered around their Slytherin friends, laughing and having a great time over the celebration when Draco finally came inside to join the others. Snuffles watched the boy intently.

'Hmm, seems that the little Malfoy brat is actually getting a grip on things here.' Snuffles thought with a slight grunt.

Harry practically thrusted a bottle of butterbeer into Draco's hand as he went past him with his twin sister walking beside him.

"Congratulations Malfoy. You'll find out what it's like to be a big brother soon enough." Harry commented while Hally playfully gave him a slap on his arm.

Draco glared at the two before Flint got his attention. "Cheer up Draco; it isn't the end of the world at least. Just think, you can look out for the little imp when she gets older." Flint hooted

Draco grinned slightly. "I'm beginning to like the sound of that each minute." Draco replied before looking over at the twins and noticing them whispering to each other.

Flint followed his eyes grinning. "Let the matter be for a while Draco. A female always need their space, no matter who they are," he whispered to the platinum-blonde-boy.

"Yeah, but I'm not going to quit this chase Flint. One way or another little Potter will give up on her denial." Draco pointed out before taking a drink of his butterbeer.

Meanwhile at the other side of the entertainment room, Harry and Hally both were discussing a way to discover who it was that was targeting their father.

"So far everyone here has been within our eye contact since they got here, including Malfoy." Harry commented in a whisper.

"Yeah, but I don't think that it is a rogue house-elf this time. It has to be someone else doing those pranks." Hally spoke in low-key.

"I agree, but who?" Harry wondered, scratching his head in bewilderment.

"This is going to be frustrating." Hally sighed before a thought popped into her head. Harry gave her a slight glance, his face clearly confused written all over it.

"What the bloody hell is a Animagus...mfft!" Harry's voice got cut off swiftly from Hally covering his mouth.

"Hush Harry before someone like Malfoy hears us! An animagus is a person who can transform into a animal of their choosing, however, they can only transform into one." Hally explained in a whisper

Harry listened to every word, fascinated by what his twin sister was telling him.

"Cool. If only we could do that..." "Who says that we can't Harry James." Hally intervened grinning evilly from ear to ear.

Harry gave her a look until it dawned on him. Every time Hally was not in her room at night, she was roaming around outside after she thought that their father and he were in bed for the night.

"I was wondering why everything I see was looking like you were close to the ground." Harry whispered to her

Hally merely shrugged her shoulders. " A girl needs time to herself sometimes big brother." She simply said.

"But low on the ground..." "My Animagus form is a snake Harry. I feel relaxed in that form." Hally explained in low-key

"Oh cool. I want to try that Hal." Harry grinned excitedly

"All right Harry. I'll help you, but I'm going to have to give you the crash course, because I so want to get even with whoever is messing

with our dad." Hally whispered just before Draco Malfoy headed their way.

"Heh no problem...great here comes Malfoy." Harry replied quietly before standing between his sister and Draco.

"Well, the Potters looking like they're conspiring together, and before our school term too." Draco sneered at the two

"Get out of here Malfoy, before you regret messing with us again." Harry warned the platinum-blonde-boy.

Draco slapped his hand over his chest. "I'm hurt Potter, really." he sneered at Harry before looking at Hally next. "I'll be seeing you again little Potter, when you least expect it." he smirked at Hally.

"Then I'll be sure to avoid you every chance I get Malfoy." Hally told him through clenched teeth, watching Draco walk away with a smirk on his face.

"Pompous jerk." Hally muttered while Harry sniggered at the scene. "It's not funny Harry. He's been a pain in my arse since he was told about Spinners End from his father."

"I can see that Hal." Harry grinned sitting back down beside her.

Hally gave Harry a playful nudge. "So when did you want to try to change form?" She enquired to Harry in a whisper.

"After everyone is asleep Hal. I'll let Snuffles roam around a bit outside before we start first." Harry answered in low-key.

"Not a problem Harry." Hally replied quietly just before they rejoined their Slytherin friends in the celebration.

Harry watched as Snuffles took off into the gardens before he quickly slipped back inside the manor, heading upstairs to his and Hally's private parlor. He walked in closing both doors and locking them for their privacy.

Hally was sitting down on a pile of cushions in a comfortable position, waiting for him to sit down beside him.

"You'll need to be down here, just in case so as not to ruin our furniture. It's just a precaution Harry. We don't know what exactly your going to change into yet." Hally started to explain while Harry sat down on a cushion beside her.

"All right," Harry simply said, turning around to face his twin sister.

Hally took a deep breath before continuing. "Ok, first thing to learn is when you start, you need to stay relaxed..."

"How relaxed should I be?" Harry teased her grinning from ear to ear.

"Harry!" Hally laughed giving him a playful shove.

"Okay, okay Hal I'll be serious here." Harry promised, becoming serious seconds later.

Hally went through the steps with Harry, explaining every full detail that he needed to know until she was done.

"Now this part is all on you Harry. You have to relax and focus. You may not be able to transform right now." Hally told him, leaning on their sofa, and watching him quietly.

Silence filtered the private parlor while Harry worked on staying relaxed and focused until...

"Holy cricket!" Hally cried out with wide eyes.

'Do you mind Hal? I'm trying to stay focused here.' Harry thought to her

"Well, I don't think you have to anymore Harry, because you mastered it. Do you want to see what your form is?" Hally enquired, getting up on her feet to retrieve her hand mirror.

'I sure do Hal...wait, I can't talk to you, but our link is still working. Awsome.' Harry thought to her

"I know Harry, I was wondering about that too, but I guess it answered my theory here. Check it out Harry, your a black snake which makes us different. I have red streaks on my form." Hally grinned from ear to ear.

Hally lowered the mirror for Harry to see his Animagus form. 'Wicked! This will make it hard for dad to find us if we are outside you do realize that right?' Harry's thought wondered into Hally's mind.

"How do you think I kept avoiding him this past few weeks Harry. Especially over those score in Divination." Hally grinned evilly just as Harry transformed back before her very eyes.

"That is so cruel Hal. You know dad means well when it comes to our scores...,"

"They're not low scores Harry. I passed Divination. I passed it to where Madam Trelawney requested me to be placed in her level four advanced class instead of the level two advanced class. Dad agrees with her and Dumbledore, and has been trying to tell me for that last few weeks now." Hally sighed, squeezing a cushion in her arms.

Harry scooted closer to her. "Oh man, is that what its all about. You hiding over dad telling you that they changed your Divination class? Hal, we told you that you'll be fine." Harry reminded his twin sister.

"I know that Harry. I guess I should just let dad tell me and be done with it, I mean; it's not like its my death sentence, and I guess I have been overeacting again." Hally commented with a sigh of defeat.

"There you go Hal, see it on that bright side instead of something bad." Harry grinned until they both looked at the time.

"I guess you better go and get Snuffles now Harry." Hally pointed out standing up along with her brother.

"Yeah I know, you go get ready and I'll meet up with you where we planned on waiting for whoever or whatever it is that targeting our dad." Harry told her as he unlocked the doors and headed out of their private parlor.

Harry slipped back outside on the patio and let out a whistle for Snuffles to answer. Within minutes the dog came up to him, wagging his tail.

"Come on boy, time for bed." Harry stated, letting the dog go inside the manor before him while he closed the doors, locking them up tight quietly.

They headed upstairs and walked into the private parlor. Snuffles lept up onto the twins's sofa laying down while Harry went to his room closing his door with a soft click. Minutes later, Harry quietly slipped back out of his room, closing his door with a quiet click, heading back out of the private parlor without Snuffles hearing him. He met up with his little sister, not too far from their father's bedroom door, getting ready for the next attack.

An hour later Snuffles opened his eyes, and lifted his head up, listening to the silence coming from both twins's bedrooms. He jumped off of their sofa before transforming into a lone figure, opening Harry's bedroom door first, finding everything thing in order, then Hally's room next finding the same before he quietly slipped out of the private parlor.

The lone figure walked down the hall quietly until he reached Severus's bedroom door. He was just about to open the door when he heard hissing sounds, and turned around to find two snakes slithering up to him before they coiled their bodies and raised their heads in an attack position.

"Oh bloody hell, Snivilus is finally getting even...Woah! Easy now!" the figure replied quietly, backing up from the door with his hands raised. The black snake with red streaks striked out next at him.

"Okay I can see that I disturbed you two," The figure whispered, looking frantically for a way out of this sticky situation.

He took weary steps back a little at a time before he decided to make a run for it down the hall after the black snake with red streaks went to strike at him the other black snake did.

He ran into the private parlor, transforming back just before he heard two sets of footsteps running his way. He leapt up onto the sofa, panting when he noticed the twins entering the private parlor laughing in hysterics.

"That was fun Hal! I never seen anyone run that fast from two snake like that before." Harry cackled out

"The look on his face was absolutely priceless! He actually thought that dad sicked us on him!" Hally giggled in laughter.

Snuffles raised his head up at the news. 'Why you little squirts! I should have seen it before with those red streaks. Oh I am going to get even with you two for scaring the bloody hell out of me.' Snuffles thought seeing the two high five each other.

"Well he won't be messing with dad for the rest of the evening. Goodnight Hal." Harry grinned heading into his bedroom.

"Goodnight Harry." Hally giggled heading into her room next and closing the door.

Snuffles waited for at least ten minutes before letting out a tired grunt.

'I'll get you two later, too tired from running from two devious little demons.' Snuffles thought before going to sleep peacefully.

A/N: That is all for chapter 8 see you in chapter 9 bye for now.

### Chapter 9 THE ENCOUNTER!

Everything was peaceful and quiet when the grandfather clock struck six o'clock the next morning, Snuffles woke up from a peaceful sleep, before stretching his body and jumping down from the twins' black leather sofa to set out to do his thought up task to get even with the twins. Snuffles was just about to head out of the twins private parlor when he heard Hally's bedroom door open up.

Hally emerged from her bedroom in a rush, wearing a black and silver short outfit, her black and silver high-tops, and black socks with a silver splash design on them. Snuffles watched her grab for a funny looking silver metal box with some funny looking cord attached to the top of it, and headed out of the parlor.

Snuffles took a glance at Harry's door before watching Hally disappear from his sight. 'First one to get it is you, you little squirt.' He thought going in the direction where Hally went to.

Snuffles followed Hally at a safe distance, and had just slipped out of the doors leading to the garden, watching Hally take off down a path towards the family forest in a run. Snuffles trotted into the family forest, hiding himself within the trees while Hally stood in the middle of the path, stretching her leg muscles.

'Great! The little squirt is what Muggles call a health nut...hmm, now how to trap this slippery little squirt before going for big brother who is still sleeping in the house.' Snuffles thought to himself before an idea popped into his head. He transformed in a crouched position, grinning from ear to ear.

"Let's see you get out of being wrapped up in a very high tree you little squirt." The figure whispered from a distance, taking out one of Severus's spare wands he swiped from the manor, and pointed it right at a weeping willow tree.

Before Hally got the chance to start off on her usual morning run, one of the willow branches wrapped itself around her waist, and swiftly yanked her up from the ground before Hally could even blink.

### "WHAT THE BLOODY HELL..."

### "WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE YOU LITTLE SQUIRT!"

Hally's eyes scanned the trees, not finding anyone, but knew that she heard the voice clear as one of Hogwarts school bells. She then noticed swift movement from one tree to another, slowly getting closer to where she was hanging upside down.

The figure leaned up against a tree, looking up at her intently. "For two little squirts, you both can be quite a handful. Not to mention you two can really ruin a guy's fun...,"

"You call torturing my dad fun for you? When I get my hands on you, your going to wish that you never met me!" Hally yelled struggling

The figure merely laughed at Hally's words. "I don't think you are in any position to be giving me warnings squirt! Now let's take a good look at you here." He told her, taking a step closer, until Hally let out a warning growl, and lashing out at him with her veela claws.

"Well, your certainly are a spitfire aren't you girl?" He commented after backing away swiftly.

"Your about to find out how much of a spitfire I can be!" Hally shouted out.

Meanwhile upstairs in the manor, Draco Malfoy was having his usual same dream, but only this time it had changed for him. Just when he was getting into the best part of the dream, He noticed Hally Potter walking up to him from hiding in the bright light and slapped him acrossed his face.

"Snap out of it Draco Malfoy and get your arse outside with my brother!" he heard her yell at him just before he woke jolting up in the bed rubbing his cheek.

"Bloody Hell that stung! You little hellcat!" Draco shouted out in anger from being interrupted from one heck of a great dream.

Loud banging came from his guestroom door. Draco opened the door, finding Harry with his wand pointed at him. The look on his face was sheer anger.

"Where is my sister Malfoy!" Harry demanded

"I don't have a clue Potter, I was asleep, having one fantastic dream when your sister just...popped into it slapping me across my face! It was a bloody dream, and I can still feel the effects of it!" Draco exclaimed in irritation.

Harry took one look at Draco's right cheek and just started to snigger.

"It's not funny Potter..." "Yeah it is Malfoy. That right there proves that your my little sister's soulmate, meaning if Hal is in any sort of trouble; you would know by her messaging you." Harry explained while rolling his eyes at him.

"Oh...Well she didn't need to slap me in the face like that Potter...,"

"Heh, would you prefer her hitting you somewhere else? She does know about your little excursion of girls you know." Harry replied

"Big deal, so she knows. She can't stand me anyway Potter...,"

"Then why the chasing?" Harry questioned Draco with narrowed eyes.

Draco gave him an evil grin. "I love a challenge Potter." He simply said before heading into his bathroom.

"Hold it Malfoy! What was the message that my sister Hal gave you?" Harry questioned the platinum-blonde-boy.

"The only thing she told me Potter was to snap out of it and get my arse outside with you! Whatever for I have no idea..."

"yeah, well its not what you think Malfoy. I can do this on my own, see you!" Harry replied, walking down the hall in quick strides while Draco watched his retreating back.

"She is so going to owe me on this one, hold up Potter, I'm coming!" Draco announced just before he grabbed his robe, and pulling it on while he kept doing his best to catch up with Harry.

"I Swear if you let me go this instant, you are going to wish you never met me!" Hally's voice boomed out

"Trust me squirt, I've heard that many times before...Now trying to get the branch to unwrap itself like that isn't going to help you there squirt." The figure chuckled at her.

"OOO! If I didn't leave my wand inside, I would have hexed your stringy-haired arse right about now!" Hally screamed out loud just about the time when both Harry and Draco stepped outside, looking around.

"I knew it! I knew she was in trouble...honestly having to go for a run in the forest." Harry muttered, cursing under his breath.

"A run? Is that what she does alone Potter? I swear your little sister is a strange one." Draco commented

"No, that is not all she does alone Malfoy...Who the bloody hell is that?" Harry questioned, tilting his head slightly at the figure who was standing just beneath his twin sister, while she was upside-down dangling with a willow branch wrapped around her waist in a firm grip.

Draco looked across the way, his eyes widened wide. "Bloody hell Potter, don't you two even know who that is?" He whispered the question

Harry gave him a look, "No we don't Malfoy..."

"Potter that is Sirius Black that your little sister is tangling with there." Draco spoke in low-key.

"Tangling with, now that's new coming from you, Malfoy. I believe that my sister there is trapped and can't get loose." Harry muttered quietly between them

They went to take cover, hiding while Hally was getting angrier by the second, her wings appearing and flapping wildly. Draco took one look at her wings in sheer surprise, it was the first time he ever got a chance to see one of the twins's wings.

"Amazing." Draco simply said while Hally continued to struggle.

"Easy you little squirt! Your going to hurt yourself doing that." The figure stated with a sigh.

"Then let me go you jerk or I'll scream for my dad..."

"Calling Snivilus a dad is like wanting to be kissed by a troll. Simply horrifying." THe figure shuddered in disgust, setting Hally off.

"YOUR ONE TO TALK! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVEN'T COMMUNICATED WITH HUMANS IN OVER A DECADE!" Hally boomed

Harry decided to do his best to help his sister get free at that very moment by pointing his wand at the branch that was wrapped around Hally's waist, setting her free instantly.

The Figure named Sirius Black whirled around at that moment. "What the bloody hell...Oh just my luck! Your older brother just came to join in on our little fun here." the figure replied while Hally allowed her wings to glide her down to where Harry stood

"Hal, are you okay?" Harry enquired

"Besides being taken by surpise, I'm fine," Hally answered while Harry moved her to where Draco was hiding.

"Don't you put me..." "Shut up Hal, and stay put." Harry told her, keeping his eyes on the man standing ten feet away from them.

"Atta boy, play with the big boys here squirt number one! I'll even let you go first here." the figure named Sirius Black commented, grinning from ear to ear.

Hally on the other hand was trying her best to keep Draco Malfoy from touching her wings every few seconds she turned away from him.

"Stop touching me Malfoy...," "Aw come on little Potter. I never seen veela wings this close up before. I just want to see them." Draco whispered to her to keep from being seen by the man.

"Fine, knock yourself out then." Hally sighed in defeat, letting the platinum-blonde-boy get a better look at her wings.

Harry took one look at the two and started to snigger until he noticied the man trying to trap him next with a willow branch again. Harry quickly got out of the way.

"I don't think so! I'm not quite so gullible like some are around here." Harry grinned evilly

"Harry James! How dare you...," "I never meant you Hal, you from the looks of it, he snuck up on." Harry intervened, looking her way.

"Hey uh Potter, where did he go to?" Draco questioned Harry suddenly.

Both twins turned to find that the man named Sirius Black was no longer within their eye sight.

"I'll give you two a small wager here." They all heard the man yell within the trees.

Both twins and Draco looked around them, trying to see where he was hidden.

"Since you two are something like your real father, I'll leave you two alone for now, but you both will most likely be meeting me again." The man told them with a whinnying laugh.

"Oh? Why is that?" Harry asked the man with bitter sarcasm

"We have something in common the three of us. We love to give a good prank to someone else...,"

"Big deal! At least we don't try to hurt our dad like you have been trying lately!" Hally yelled

"Snivilus deserved what he got from me and more little Squirt! Why? Well that would be my business! Consider this as a challenge little squirt! Let's see how many times you can keep me from getting your so called...father." The man announced before the family forest became silent around them.

Draco looked from one twin to another, "Bloody hell Potters, good luck on this one." he simply said before getting another closer look at Hally's wings.

"Do you mind?" Hally questioned with an irritated sigh.

Harry could only snigger at his twin sister's sticky situation.

"It isn't funny Harry...,"

"Just let him see those wings Hal. Besides you owe him big from slapping his face." Harry grinned

"Slapped whose face? Malfoy's? When was this..."

"You slapped me little Potter while I was dreaming, and it hurt like hell!" Draco exclaimed, showing her the hand print that was still on his cheek.

Hally looked away quickly with a light blush hinting on her cheeks. "Oh." she simply said when they suddenly heard Snuffles barking at a distance.

"Well, come on then you two...," "But I have done my morning run Harry...,"

"We have an excercise room for that Hal. Besides I really don't want another encounter like that again, and I cannot believe that you didn't use your wand to get free...,"

"I left it inside." Hally blurted out, getting looks from both boys suddenly.

"Really stupid little Potter." Draco replied with a shake of his head.

"Hal, how many times do I have to tell you, keep your wand with you at all times! That goes for going out for your morning runs! Now because of this stunt, your stuck inside to do running path in the excercise room!" Harry lectured his twin sister.

"I will not..." "You will to, and you will like it!" Harry yelled his warning at her, his finger pointing in the direction of the manor.

Hally let out an exasperated sight, before heading towards the manor in defeat, both boys following behind her.

"I want to know everything about this Sirius Black Malfoy, and just to warn you here, I will know when you are lying or not." Harry told Draco after letting the platinum-blonde-boy inside the manor first.

"Oh no you don't Harry! I want to know too!" Hally cried out

"You have to do your morning run remember?" Harry questioned rolling his eyes at his sister.

Draco leaned against the wall with his arms crossed, watching both twin argue with one another.

"Look as much as I would like to watch this family squabble, I prefer if your father tell you about Sirius Black since it should be his place to inform you." Draco commented, getting their attention.

"Is that so Malfoy?" Hally questioned with a slight sneer in her voice.

"It is that so little Potter. Now if you both will excuse me, I need to go and get decent since I'm still wearing my Pjamas, and night robe."

Draco told them before he left them both standing there watching him leave.

Hally turned to look at her brother. "I can't believe that you would want to keep me out of finding out who he is." Hally spat out in anger before stalking down the hall.

Harry stalked after her. "Well just look at the facts here Hal! You went outside without your wand, which made you an easy target! You were hanging upside down..."

"SO JUST BECAUSE I LEFT MY WAND INSIDE AS USUAL GIVES YOU A REASON ON KEEPING ME OUT OF FINDING OUT WHO SIRIUS BLACK IS!" Hally demanded to Harry heatedly.

"Well Hal, I think that its fair considering that you were hanging upside-down by a willow branch just moments ago!" Harry exclaimed

Snuffles stood between the two, enjoying the scene immensely.

"WHY YOU POMPOUS ARSE OF A BROTHER!" Hally boomed out in anger

"Hey, don't call me your soulmates nickname there Hal...,"

"HARRY JAMES YOU ARE ACTING LIKE A JERK..."

"What the bloody hell are you two yelling out here for?" Severus demanded, interrupting their spat quickly.

"I guess I'm supposed to be unreliable because I left my wand inside moments ago!" Hally answered in an angry huff.

"What does that mean exactly young lady?" Severus questioned, looking from one to another

"Hal was attacked moments ago dad. I found her hanging upsidedown by a charmed willow branch with some man named Sirius Black out there...," "WHAT DO YOU MEAN SIRIUS BLACK?" Severus boomed out his question just as Lucius and Draco walked up to them

"They mean Severus, that my son here recognized him, and told them his name, but left the rest for you to explain it to them." Lucius replied before looking down and noticing Hally's wings.

"Bloody Hell! All right! I'll tell you both who he is, but right now...someone needs to make their wings disappear, and why are they out...,"

"He pissed Hal off by calling you Snivilus, whatever that means." Harry answered before noticing Severus's face go deep red.

"Dad?" Hally asked suddenly "Dad what the...,"

"Both of you go to the main living parlor, sit down and listen." Severus told them, ushering both twin down the hall with him and Snuffles, while Lucius and Draco followed behind them.

A/N: That is all for chapter 9 see you in chapter 10 bye for now

# Chapter 10

Both twins sat on their favorite sofa, listening to Severus explain in every detail about who Sirius Black was...when he was finished, Harry and Hally both remained silent for a brief moment. Harry was the first to look up at Severus.

"So he was a friend of our parents?" Harry enquired

"Yes Connor, he was." Severus answered him

"Not a very good friend then, from what we've seen of him today." Hally blurted out suddenly.

"Well I should say not little Potter. Especially when he had you hanging upside-down by a willow branch a bit ago." Draco intervened until he got a stern look from his father Lucius, telling him to stay out of their conversation.

"From what I've heard, he snuck up on Raven here, which is a rare thing to do, since she is constantly on alert as well as Connor here." Severus commented

"Yeah, and if I ever see him again, he is so going down for what he did to me." Hally replied with a slight angry growl.

"Should have had your wand with you..."

"HARRY JAMES, IF YOU MENTION MY WAND ONE MORE TIME, I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU SUCH A HEX!" Hally boomed out suddenly, facing her big brother heatedly. She was still angry over his remark from the hall.

"I would love to see you try to hex me little sister!" Harry cried out, standing his ground.

"Cool! I got front seats for this." Draco grinned evilly, watching the twins go off at one another in a heated battle.

Snuffles sat close to the twins' sofa giving out light barks every few seconds excitedly over the twins' squabbling, Lucius sat still in a chair close to his son observing the scene before them as well. Severus, on the other hand, let out an irritated sigh just before he intervened quickly, stopping them from going too far.

"That will be enough for the both of you!" Severus roared angrily at the twins.

Harry and Hally both stopped their arguing immediately, looking up at Severus as though nothing had happened. Severus looked down at Hally in a stern manner.

"You know very well that Connor is right Raven. You should have had your wand with you when you were outside, and for not being responsible this time, you left yourself vulnerable for any attack!" Severus lectured

"But dad...,"

"You will apologize to your brother this instant, and until that man is caught, you will do your running in the family exercise room!" Severus stated heatedly.

Hally stiffened her spine swiftly, and looked at her brother Harry. "I'm sorry Harry." She simply said with a tinge of anger in her voice before she stalked off out of the living parlor to head upstairs.

"Didn't sound like you were sorry!" Harry called out after her

"Connor that is enough! She walked away from you two fighting, now let her be!" Severus ordered Harry sternly

"Yes sir." Harry sighed in defeat before sitting back down on his and Hally's favorite black leather sofa.

Hally was just about to stomp up the stairs when her owl Eros had gotten her attention as she found him perched on the main hall's table with the day's mail with Harry's owl Hedwig perched beside him.

"Hello Eros, the usual I see...oh wicked it's the permission parchments for Hogsmead!" Hally exclaimed excitedly, taking the mail from both owls. "Treats up in my room you two." She added watching them fly upstairs in one big swoop.

Hally practically ran back into the main living parlor, holding out the mail for Severus to take.

"Mail is here dad; our permission parchments for Hogsmead are here finally." Hally exclaimed

Severus took the mail as usual, clearing his throat. "About those permission parchments Raven...I'm afraid that you and Connor both won't be going along with the rest of the third years to Hogsmead this year." he announced, putting the parchments aside on his desk.

"Why can't we go to Hogsmead with the other third years?" Hally questioned him, getting angrier by the minute.

"Because right now it isn't safe for you two! That was proven a bit ago by Draco and Connor from seeing you upside-down by a willow branch!" Severus answered with a huff.

"Oh, so now it's my fault that Harry and I won't be going to Hogsmead from what happened outside?" Hally pressed

"I'd say it is." Draco blurted out, being heard by everyone present.

Hally turned his way, giving the platinum-blonde-boy death glares. "What did you just say Malfoy?!" Hally demanded her question with and angry growl

"Don't you dare start a fight up with him young lady!" Severus warned the raven-red-streak-haired-girl

Hally clenched her fists, "Fine I won't, and since everyone here thinks it is my fault that Harry and I can't go with the other third years into Hogsmead, I'll make it easy for them and not show my presence for the rest of the damn summer!" Hally yelled out

"We have a birthday party coming Hal..."

"YOU GO! I'M STAYING UP IN MY ROOM!" Hally shouted loudly leaving the main parlor.

They all heard her stomp up the stairs until they suddenly heard her slam her bedroom door closed.

"Great, I have a sister who is now mad at the world." Harry muttered, rubbing the back of his neck.

"I believe that my son here, is partly to blame for this by interfering where he did not belong." Lucius replied, drumming his fingers on the arm of the chair he was sitting on.

"I was just stating my opinion father, that's all." Draco claimed feigning the look of innocence very well.

'I just bet you were, you little dirt sniffer.' Snuffles thought, laying with his head down, watching them without getting noticed.

"It does not matter Lucius. Raven will just have to get over the fact that she and Connor will not be going to Hogsmead for safety reasons." Severus stated, putting the parchments aside with a finality to them.

Draco looked over at Harry with a look of triumph on his face. "Boy Potter, I'd hate to be in your shoes right about now." He sniggered at the raven-haired-boy.

"I do hope that you are not starting a fight here with Mr. Potter, Draco." Lucius commented in a very stern warning

Draco let out a small groan. "Where's the fun in that if you can't mess with your enemy." he mumbled under his breath.

"I'll go and try to calm Hal down." Harry replied getting ready to leave with Snuffles following behind him.

Severus looked up from his desk "Just make sure you calm her down enough to get her to come out of her bedroom. She gotten angry with me once when she was nine years old and would not come out for three months! Trust me Connor, when Raven says that she'll stay in that room of hers; she does! It is not something you want to witness here." Severus spoke out with a very slight shudder.

"How bad was it dad?" Harry enquired with wide eyes. Draco's eyes were wide as well.

"Let's just say the only noise I heard here for those three months was the clocks! Even the house-elves were silent...it was like they lost their life line." Severus answered.

Harry left the main parlor quickly. "I would have thought that you would enjoy the silence Professor." Draco blurted his comment

"Trust me young man, that kind of silence you truly do not want." Severus stated

Draco let out a weary chuckle before he quickly got to his feet, leaving the parlor next.

"Hey Potter! I'll give you a hand here!" Draco cried out

"Well hurry the hell up Malfoy, I don't have all day!" Harry replied in a loud voice, watching Draco catch up with him on the stairs.

Silver and Iris scrambled around Hally while she worked on her potion experiments. Hally had just added the right amount of an ingredient when there was a knock on her door.

Hally sat her vial down in a safe place before going to answer her door. She found Harry at her door while noticing Draco skimming her books to see if there was anything new.

Hally leaned against her door with a stone expression. "What do you want?" She questioned, keeping her eye contact averted.

"Hal, can you please come out of your room?" Harry enquired

"No," Hally answered. She was getting ready to close the door when Draco's foot got in the way.

"Either move your foot Malfoy, or you'll be limping for the rest of the summer." Hally warned him

"Look little Potter, either you come out of there or...," he gave Harry a quick sly glance before looking back at Hally with an evil grin on his face. "You'll have to kiss me every time we see each other, including when we go back to school."

Hally let out a gasp of shock, her back hitting her bedroom door, while Harry went to grab Draco, seeing red.

"Your not touching my..."

"I'M OUT!"Hally exclaimed with wide eyes. Both boys looked at her in surprise

Harry started to snigger. "Really little Potter, you willing to come out of your room, just to keep from kissing me?" Draco asked her with a smirk on his face.

"Your not worthy enough for me Malfoy, now move out of my damn way!" Hally exclaimed, clutching the door to her bedroom door in a tight grip.

Draco slapped his chest with his right hand. "I'm hurt little Potter really. I mean we're betrothed to each other, and all I get is rejection from you." He taunted before turning around and walking away from both twin. "About bloody time you started to act normal. See you downstairs." He added heading out to go back downstairs.

Harry turned to see his twin sister standing in front of him, clutching her door handle and shaking with wide eyes.

"Hal, come on now...aw Hal I'm not going to let him touch you little sis." Harry promised, easing Hally's hand off the door handle, then felt Hally grip him firmly.

"I don't want it to be him Harry." Hally whimpered slightly

"I know Hal, but he just said that to get you to come out. Dad said that they would think of something for us at the school." Harry told her

Snuffles looked up at the twins after listening to their every word.

'Looks like I have to give the little dirt sniffer a special visit, but you two still have one coming, since I got interrupted again this morning by you squirt number one.' Snuffles thought, giving both twins' hand a lick each.

"You go do your morning running, and I'll see you in a bit Hal okay?" Harry asked

"Okay Harry, but don't think that I'm not mad at you from a bit ago." Hally told him while they walked out of their private parlor to go in different directions.

The twins and their friends had splitted up in different directions of the manor just hours before breakfast was served. Harry was with the boys, except for Draco playing some wizarding games, the girls were with Hally in the big exercise room exercising while Hally was on the indoor running path doing her morning run. The girls were just stepping onto the path when Hally stopped briefly.

"I like the forests path better than this one." Hally commented with a slight grin

"We know that Hally, but your dad...,"

"I know. Told me to run on this one until they find Sirius Black. I'm done with my run. I'm just going to get a steam bath first for thirty minutes and I'll meet up with everyone when I'm done." Hally suggested to the girls, heading to the direction of where the family sauna was located.

"Steam bath?" Blaise asked, quite confused

"Yeah, Harry told us about it. Talked dad into having one installed here. it's actually good for your pores." Hally explained before going into the changing room.

After Hally changed and had a huge towel around her, she started to head into the sauna when she heard padded footstep coming from the sauna area.

"Someone there?" Hally called out, not getting a response.

Hally continued to walk inside the sauna, sitting down and putting her ear plugs in to listen to her wizarding music, not realizing that she wasn't alone.

Meanwhile Snuffles wandered into the exercise room, watching the rest of the girls run on the running path as he was going by noticing Hally not being among them. He was about to head back out when he overheard Blaise and Maryanne talking.

"Shouldn't you have told Hally that Malfoy is in the Sauna Blaise?" Maryanne enquired

"Is that where he went? I thought he said the indoor pool. Oh well, if he tries anything at all, Hally will teach him a lesson before he will be able to blink." Blaise giggled as the two started off on their run.

'Oh just great. The little squirt is going to be in trouble...Then again maybe not.' Snuffles thought heading in the direction that Blaise and Maryanne pointed to.

Snuffles waited for his oportunity before slipping inside the changing room area, and heading to where the sauna area was located. He had just wandered into the sauna when he noticed Draco Malfoy trying to sneak up on Hally while she had her eyes closed, humming to her music from the other side of the sauna. As fast as lightening Snuffles got in front of Hally growling at Draco while showing the platinum-blonde-boy his teeth.

Hally opened her eyes just then, witnessing the scene. She took off her ear plugs.

"What the bloody hell? What were you trying to do Malfoy, peek at me?" Hally questioned him with narrowed eyes.

Draco merely shrugged his shoulders without a care. "You caught me little Potter, that was exactly what I was trying to do, and I would have succeeded if it wasn't for your mangy dog there." He grinned evilly

Hally stood up just then, "You are perverted Malfoy. I'm out of here." Hally replied getting ready to leave.

Draco cut her off before she got the chance to leave with Snuffles. "What's the hurry little Potter? I just want to give you a kiss..."

#### "GRRRR!"

"I think you better move aside Malfoy." Hally stated pointing down at Snuffles

Draco was just about to step aside when he decided to risk it and quickly kissed Hally in one swoop. Snuffle covered his face with his left paw just then.

"AWOOOOO!" Snuffles howled, his voice echoing out to where the girls were.

"What the...," Harry came into the exercise room just then, hearing the howl.

"What the bloody hell? Hal! Where are you?" Harry called out following the howling sound that came from Snuffles.

Harry walked right into Draco Malfoy just as he was heading towards the sauna.

"Malfoy! Where is my sister?" Harry questioned

"In there Potter...uh, she's in a daze for the moment though." Draco grinned evilly, going past Harry.

"What did you do to her Malfoy!" Harry demanded the question

"Nothing Potter except kissed her." Draco smirked at the raven-haired boy

Harry went after him. "I'll kick your arse Malfoy!" He yelled

"Better see if your sister is okay there Potter, she looked as if she liked my kiss!" Draco called back to him before leaving altogether.

Harry turned back around, stalking into the sauna and finding his twin sister leaning back on the bench in a daze.

"Hal! Are you all right...Snuffles stop that howling!" Harry exclaimed, hushing Snuffles up swiftly

"H-he...," "I know Hal, he kissed you. Come on, looks like I'm stuck keeping an closer eye on Malfoy after this." Harry stated, helping his twin sister onto her feet.

'I'm going to get that little dirt sniffer if its the last thing I ever do!' Snuffles thought, already plotting a way to scare Draco Malfoy into staying away from Hally.

A/N: That is all for chapter 10. see you in chapter 11 bye for now

# Chapter 11

Harry muttered under his breath while steering his twin sister Hally out of the sauna. She was still a bit dazed from getting kissed by Draco Malfoy.

"I swear one moment I'm separated from you and this is the result. I am going to get Malfoy for this." Harry ranted loudly

Hally snapped out of it just before Harry walked them both out of the changing room.

"I'm sorry Harry. I wasn't doing anything except sitting in the sauna and listening to my music. He snaked up on me." Hally explained truthfully

Snuffles let out a small bark while walking behind the twins. 'I'd say the little dirt sniffer did! Poor little squirt never had a chance.' Snuffle thought to himself, watching both twins sit down next to each other in the changing room area.

Harry looked at his twin sister in a sly glance. "So basically he..."

"He blocked me from leaving the sauna, the blonde creep!" Hally exclaimed "And the next thing I knew was he was attacking me with his lips...IT IS NOT FUNNY HARRY JAMES!"

Harry laughed so hard, that he nearly doubled over onto the floor.

"I-I'm s-sorry Hal!" Harry stuttered in between laughter, holding his mid-drift from laughing so hard.

Hally turned three shades of pink from hearing her big brother laugh over the situation.

"It isn't funny Harry." She mumbled

Harry looked at her, grinning from ear to ear. "All right Hal, I promise not to tease you over this, but from I heard, Snuffles apparently didn't

enjoy witnessing that. Me and the girls heard his howl all the way out in the excercise area." Harry stated in detail.

Hally's face brightened a bit more from the news. "Oh, I am so going to get him for that!" Hally exclaimed in anger. She was about to storm out when Harry stopped her swiftly.

"No Hal. It isn't worth getting in trouble for. Besides, you have to get showered and dressed. I'm sure that Malfoy will be side stepping around us both after this." Harry told her "And yours and Krum's competition starts this afternoon."

Hally smacked her forehead, "I almost forgot about that! Gods, I'm running behind already thanks to Malfoy!" She ranted while she grabbed her things before going into one of the stalls, closing the door behind her.

Harry let out a snigger. "I'll wait outside for you Hal...Snuffles, keep an eye out for Malfoy. I have a feeling that he never quite left this area." Harry commented before leaving.

Snuffles watched Harry leave, then looked at the stall where Hally went into. Very quietly, Snuffles made his way to the pool area. Within minutes he started to hear splashing sounds. Snuffles peered around the corner to find Draco Malfoy doing laps inside the indoor pool.

'Oh little dirt sniffer, time to get revenge on you, you rotten little Malfoy brat!' Snuffles thought, quickly thinking of a way of getting Draco from snaking up on Hally in the sauna. He transfigured into his true form, glanced around the pool area until his eyes landed on the tall diving board getting an idea.

"Snivilus, you surprise me over having a Muggle diving board inside your very own home." he cackled in low-key, biding his time by waiting for Draco Malfoy to climb out of the pool.

Draco done one final lap in the pool before climbing out, and reaching for his towel to dry off. He went to grab for his robe next when he suddenly felt something jerk him upwards into the air until he finally found himself stuck under the Muggle diving board.

"What the bloody Hell?" Draco cried out in surprise, then heard footsteps approaching.

"By all means Malfoy brat, stick around for awhile." the figure known as Sirius Black cackled at the platinum-blonde boy

Draco's eyes widened from hearing that bit of news.

"HELLLLLP!" Draco wailed out, hoping for some sort of aide.

Meanwhile Hally had just stepped out of the stall and collecting her things one at a time when she heard Draco's cries for help.

"Great! Now he's trying the victim bit this time." She muttered agitated from what happened in the sauna moments ago.

Hally was going to ignore the scream, but decided to go to investigate, turning around and heading for the pool area, muttering curses under her breath.

"I swear Malfoy if this is a scheme of yours, you are going to wish that..." Hally's voice trailed off, noticing the scene before her very eyes.

There was Draco Malfoy stuck up under the Muggle diving board, struggling to find a way to get down, and standing right underneath him was the notorious Sirius Black. Suddenly for some reason unknown, Hally let out a very loud angry growl, her tiny pin-needle like claws forming at her finger tips.

"I'm going to enjoy getting my revenge on you!" Hally yelled at the notorious Sirius Black.

The man turned to find Hally getting ready to charge at him, her wand in her hand this time around.

"Oh it's the little squirt! I believe it is time for me to escape again...may this be a lesson to you little Malfoy brat over the little squirt here. She is off limits to you!" he hissed at Draco before taking off to the other side of the pool, quickly dodging Hally in the nick of time.

"Who are you calling a little squirt, you walking Muggle Mop Head!" Hally cried out, just stopping beneath Draco Malfoy in heated anger watching the man flee out of their sight.

"I call them as I see them little squirt! Til we meet again!" He called out from their sight.

Hally took a step back to look up at Draco.

"I should leave you up there just for the bloody hell of it." She commented in anger.

Draco gave her a smirk. "But you won't, will you little Potter? Especially what I just witnessed here." Draco replied

Hally rolled her eyes at him, pointed her wand, and muttered the counter curse, watching Draco land on his feet with ease. Harry came running in with his wand out a second later.

"I leave you for three minutes and I'm hearing Malfoy screaming like a girl..."

"Well that's because Sirius Black had him stuck under our diving board Harry." Hally informed her big brother grinning from ear to ear.

Harry took one look at Draco and bursted into laughter.

"M-Malfoy!"Harry could only cackle out in between laughter.

Draco glared at both twins. "Well at least I wasn't the one that was caught up in a willow tree little Potter and shod off Potter!" He fumed heatedly.

"Ouch! Aren't we touchy!" Hally commented, rolling her eyes at the platinum-blonde-boy.

"Yeah little Potter I am touchy...where your concerned I am..."

"Back off Malfoy! You snaked up on Hal once enough today!" Harry exclaimed, pointing his wand at him

Draco merely shrugged his shoulders. "It was worth another try Potter." He grinned evilly, going past both twins leaving.

The twins watched as Draco disappeared from their sight.

"Man Hal, he is going to be a major problem for you." Harry commented with a shake of his head

"Please don't remind me Harry. He's a jerk, and a major pain in my arse." Hally stated with a sigh. Hally looks around the pool area, confusion clearly written on her facial features.

Harry gave her a weird look. "What is with you now Hal?" He asked her

"Where is Snuffles? I could have sworn that you told him to stand guard while I was in the changing room area Harry." Hally reminded her big brother

"I did...come to think of it, where is he? Snuffles! Where are you boy?" Harry called out for their pet dog while they started to head out of the indoor pool area.

They found Snuffles wagging his tail at the two.

"That's just too weird. He wasn't there a few seconds ago when I came running back in here." Harry stated rubbing the back of his head.

Hally tilted her head slightly while getting a good look at Snuffles. "Maybe he was at the door to the sauna again perhaps?" Hally

suggested, getting a feeling that something was not quite right suddenly, but shook it off thinking that she might be imagining things.

"Might have been. Come on so we won't be late for breakfast." Harry replied, leading the way out of the changing area so they could meet up with their friends.

Everyone was present inside the dining room for an early breakfast for the day was a special day...it would be the first time within a century that a Hogwarts student participate in the wizards/witches national potions competition. Excitement flowed around the table for most, except for a couple who did not enjoy the idea of cheering on a Gryffindor and Hally who was so full of nerves, that she was constantly picking at her plate of food, just like her brother Harry who was worried over her as well.

Severus laid his fork upon his plate with a light clink after witnessing their usual habit once more.

"Will you two please eat? Raven I understand that you are nervous, but Connor..."

"I'm worried about Hal dad. This will be the first time anyone of us goes in a competition alone." Harry explained in full detail.

Severus raised his eyebrows up in surprise. "Well then that would explain your lack of appetite then." He commented, taking a sip of his morning coffee.

"I feel like I am going to be sick." Hally mumbled, feeling queasy from being nervous.

"You are worrying yourself too much Raven. You need to calm down, even if you don't get placed in first, you'll still bring something back for representing Hogwarts." Severus told her

"I can't help it dad...,"

"Hey little Potter I can give you a kiss to make you feel better." Draco Malfoy intervened, making Hally's face turn three shades of pink.

"Raven, your face is starting to look like Mr. Weasley's hair." Severus teased her with a small chuckle

"It's not funny dad." Hally mumbled, trying to hide her face from everyone's view.

Harry almost choked on his juice, sniggering at Hally's uncomfortable situation.

"Shut up Harry." Hally's voice mumbled out

"I'm sorry Hal, but it is funny." Harry grinned at her

Hally looked over at their father Severus. "Can I kill him and be an only child again please?" She asked with a tease.

"Hey..." "Just kidding Harry." Hally grinned from ear to ear

"You are so going to get it later Hal." Harry grinned back at her.

"All right that will be enough you two. Finish your breakfast so we don't be late." Severus told the twins, hiding a smirk on his face.

Harry and Hally both finished what they could with their food along with everyone else.

A/N: That is all for chapter 11, see you in chapter 12. bye for now.

# Chapter 12

After breakfast, the twins along with Draco Malfoy, Victor Krum, and their Slytherin friends decided to play a few games before it was time to go to Hally's first potion competition since it was in a few hours while the adults gathered in the main living parlor until it was time.

"Okay who wants to go against me first here?" Harry enquired with a grin to his sister and their guests.

Hally could only shake her head, grinning at him. "Harry, you just want to show off as usual big brother." She teased at him

"Now why would I do that Hal? I only want to play a fair game here." Harry sniggered, feigning innocence.

"Right Harry, and I am our fat muggle cousin Dudley Dursley." Hally cackled along with their guests and Harry.

Draco gave Hally a side-glance, making a face. "Don't put that image in my head little Potter. That's the last thing I want floating around in my head right now." Draco commented

Hally only rolled her eyes at him. "If I would have known that, I would have mentioned it the first time you showed up here." Hally stated with her arms crossed.

Everyone bursted into hysterical giggles, and sniggers. Draco looked at her with a stone expression on his face.

"Funny little Potter, really. Speaking about your muggle cousin, what has the whale been up to lately?" Draco questioned both twins.

"Our aunt Petunia told us that he was supposed to be going to Smelting or whatever the place is called for school starting this year." Hally answered with a mere shrug of her shoulders.

"Yeah, our former Uncle Vernon had him signed up. Told our Aunt Petunia that it was his family's tradition to go there." Harry replied making a face from just mentioning their former uncle. "I only feel sorry for Aunt Petunia though." Said Hally. "She has our cousin for the whole summer this year."

Draco shook his head after listening to both twins. "My condolences on your Aunt Potters." He simply said, leaving the matter alone.

"Aunt Petunia can take care of herself just fine Malfoy...Now who is up for a game here?" Harry asked everyone, grinning from ear to ear.

"No thanks Harry. You keep trying to cheat whenever I play that game with you." Hally giggled

"What? Me cheat on you Hal? Never." Harry teased with a snigger

"I won't play, but I'll watch this time around." Hally grinned while their friends ranted out, wanting to play against Harry first.

Hally went to take have a seat while Harry selected his first opponent to play against. Draco took a seat next to Hally a minute later.

"For Merlin's sake!" Hally cried out getting ready to move.

"Oh relax little Potter I'm not going to try anything this time." Draco stated with a sigh.

Hally sat back down. "You better not try anything funny Malfoy." She warned the platinum-blonde-boy.

Snuffles noticed how close the two were sitting, trotting over toward Hally. He sat down by Hally's feet, keeping his eyes on Draco protectively. Draco took one look at Snuffles and rolled his eyes.

"Your dog is a bloody menace little Potter." Draco commented

"Well at least he knows what your capable of trying Malfoy." Hally replied truthfully.

"When you decide to stop your denial little Potter." Draco smirked watching the game

"Not a chance Malfoy." Hally snorted lightly.

"I think you will little Potter, one of these days you will." Draco grinned evilly

"Now that will be wishful thinking on your part Malfoy." Hally stated with a yawn, already bored with the subject.

Snuffles let out a growl, 'That's where I step in when that day comes you little dirt sniffer.' Snuffles thought until Silver and Iris bounded inside the game room.

Silver walked over to Draco, stopped, and looked up at his while thumping his tail.

"Hello boy toy." Silver greeted excitedly.

"I really wish you'd stop calling him that Silver." Hally groaned

"But ma, you think of him that way." Silver blurted out right in front of everyone.

Harry paused the game as a deep silence filtered the room. Everyone turned to look at Hally with wide eyes. Hally turned three shades of pink while she tried to hide her face from their view.

"Silver...," "Think of Malfoy that way Hal?" Harry questioned before letting out a snigger

"Shut up Harry...and don't you get any bright ideas Malfoy!" Hally exclaimed, feeling embarrassed.

Draco merely raised his hands up in innocence while he grinned evilly. Hally looked down at her pet luck dragon, watching him thump his tail at her happily.

"You silly dragon." Hally simply said, her face still a shade pink from Silver's remark.

The Slytherins sniggered along with Harry, Draco Malfoy and Victor Krum.

"It's not funny." Hally told them, crossing her arms and looking away from them all.

"All right Hal, we won't tease you over this." Harry promised his little sister.

"But I don't think anyone here will forget what was said by your own dragon little Potter." Draco whispered her way, grinning evilly at her.

Hally groaned quietly, thinking that the time for them to go was never going to come fast enough for her.

### HOURS LATER...

Soon it was time to head out for Hally and Victor Krum's competition against each other. They arrived with time to spare for the two to meet with the judges before the event began.

Igor Karkaroff ushered Victor along with him after they wished Hally good luck. Hally looked at their surroundings in awe, seeing tapestries hung from one end to the other, each bearing a former Potions champion, one in particular was hers and Harry's adopted father Severus Snape.

"Woah, awesome." Harry breathed in awe at the tapestry with their dad's picture upon it.

Hally looked up at Severus with a wide grin. "Wicked dad. You were a champion?" she asked

"Guilty Raven." Severus chuckled

"Let us hope that another Snape hangs up high. Even if you are a Potter by birth." Lucius commented

"Just do your best Raven, that is all I ask." Severus stated, giving Lucius a quick glare from his comment towards Hally.

"Good luck Hal. We know you can do it." Harry grinned, giving his sister much confidence.

"Thanks Harry." Hally grinned back as they headed towards the front.

They stopped just beside Igor and Victor when a wizard wearing gold and blue robes came up to them.

"Would our competitors follow me please." The wizard announced to them with a smile on his face.

Hally let out a small quiet gulp before following the wizard along with Victor Krum.

Harry looked up at Severus. "Dad, she's really nervous here." He exclaimed

"I know Connor, but she'll be fine in a moment. These things happens sometimes." Severus replied as they seen Hally go through a door, disappearing from their view.

Hally sat beside Victor as they listened to the head Judge go through the rules with them both, then explained the competition to them.

"This competition will be for five hours. We will begin after the everyone has takened their seats. The students from both schools as well as the staff members are here to observe the competition. Good luck to you both." The head judge announced letting them leave to get ready.

The two headed out the door. "Ally oop good luck to you." Victor grinned at Hally

"Good luck to you too Victor." Hally grinned taking her place across from him.

Witches and wizards alike from all over started to file inside to be seated for the competition. Hally soon noticed that every student from Hogwarts was present, including Hermione Granger and the whole Weasley clan which took thier seats beside Harry, and Severus who were seated in the front row.

"Hail to the Hogwarts Princess! May she bring us back that trophy!" Fred and George Weasley hollered out, teasing as usual.

"Boys honestly!" Molly Weasley exclaimed sternly

"I'm surprised that they didn't pick you for this competition Hermione." Ron commented, looking around the room.

"I didn't apply for it Ron, if you must know." Hermione stated, rolling her eyes at him.

Harry sniggered at the two. Ron leaned over Hermione to speak to him. "She's mad because I caught her cat trying to eat my rat Scabbers." Ron told Harry

"Ron, if you blame my cat for trying to get Scabbers one more time, I'm going to hex you good!" Hermione seethed

"Well it is true, your just mad because I was right for a change." Ron retorted

"If you two don't stop fighting." Molly warned the two with an irritated sigh

"Why would Crookshanks try to attack Scabbers now?" Harry enquired, very confused while Hally kept a straight face, however listening through Harry's end of the link.

"Well..." "You'll discuss it later. Right now this is Hally's day, and we all want her to do her best." Molly intervened

"Yes mum." Ron sighed in defeat, then looked down at Harry's feet noticing Snuffles.

"Harry, you h-have a grim...,"

"He's mine and Hal's new dog Ron, nothing to be scared about." Harry spoke out before they announced that the competition was about to begin.

Four hours and forty-five minutes later, a timer went sounded off for both competitor to stop what they were doing in case they wasn't finished with their potions. Hally breathed a sigh of relief, knowing that she had finished right on time along with Krum.

"Thank you competitors! You may head to your friends and families while the judging shall now take place." the announcer informed them through a signorous charm for everyone to hear him.

Hally scrambled to Harry and Severus quickly while Victor headed to where Igor Karkaroff sat, waiting for the out come.

"You done well Raven, it is up to the judges now. No matter what happens, I will still be proud of you." Severus assured her while she took her seat.

"I know dad...what is with you two fighting over your pets like that? I heard you two from way over there." Hally whispered to Ron and Hermione.

"Hally dear, please don't encourage them." Molly requested in lowkey

"I'm not Mrs. Weasley...Ron, can't you leave your rat at home for one day?" Hally enquired, finally seeing Ron holding Scabbers.

Snuffles raised his head from hearing Hally, looking over at the rat being held by the red-haired-boy. Snuffles let out a loud growl, getting everyone's attention.

"Snuffles no..."

"GRRRRRR!

"EEEEK!"

Ron's Rat Scabbers leaped from the red-haired-boys lap, making a bee-line under chairs while Snuffles chased after him, barking wildly.

"SCABBERS!" Ron exclaimed going after his rat.

"Great Ron! You just had to bring your rat here didn't you!" both twins seethed going after Snuffles while there were screams and yells throughout the place from the chaos.

Hermione got up to lend a hand in catching either pet.

"I told you Ron that you should had kept Scabbers at your home!" Hermione cried out over the screams.

'Come here, you little scrawny tailed critten!' Snuffles thought, doing his best to get Ron's pet rat until both Harry and Hally caught him swiftly.

'Let go you little squirts! You don't understand what is going on here!' Snuffles thought, barking madly while Harry and Hally both struggled to drag him back to their seats, however, Hally somehow heard the voice, but kept it to herself by turning her link off from Harry before he too heard the voice.

'Well, well, well! Looks like you have some explaining to do Snuffles!' Hally thought to herself while Harry put a leash onto the dog.

"Sit down you two." Severus told them both, angry over the chaos that had started from the dog and rat.

"Yes sir." both twins sighed, sitting back down. They both looked over at Ron, glaring at him.

After everyone had calmed down, the announcer used an signorous charm to get ready to announce that years new champion.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience everyone. The scores were close by a small margin, but it was enough to determine our winner. This years Potions champion is...Hally Potter of Hogwart whose scores were 287 by Victor Krum's whose scores were 285. Congratulations on our new champion!" The announcer proclaimed.

Cheers erupted from the Hogwarts students, all wanting to congratulate the raven-red-streak-haired-girl for bringing the trophy back to their school.

A big celebration feast was requested by Severus when they all returned later that day. Harry went to help out along with the Slytherins and Draco Malfoy after his father told him to do so, while Hally went upstairs to her room, figuring out a way to snake out a certain imposter that she just discovered at the potions competition. She sat on her bed thinking long and hard until an idea popped into her head getting her to grin evilly. Hally went in search for her big brother Harry, knowing that he had the right to know what she discovered. She found him in the ballroom, helping out the house-elves.

Hally took Harry aside, letting him know everything. The look on his face after she told him was priceless. Harry decided to lend a hand to set the trap as the two snuck out to put their plan to work.

Snuffles walked down the hall upstairs, in order to continue with his revenge, thinking that everyone was downstairs getting everything ready for the celebration feast. He tranformed back after heading into the twins' private parlor, not realizing that he wasn't alone until...

"Well hey Snuffles, since when did you get two legs?"

He whirled around to find both twins coming from behind the doors, their wands at the ready.

A/N: That is all for chapter12. see you in chapter13 bye for now.

### Chapter 13

Both twins closed the doors to their private sitting parlor, making sure that no one, not even their father would interrupt them. Harry locked their doors with a strong locking charm before looking at the notorious Sirius Black.

"Looks like we caught ourselves an escaped convict Hal. I'll watch him while you make a firecall to the ministry...."

"You don't want to do that Squirt..."

"Who are you calling a squirt, you walking shag carpet!" Hally exclaimed heatedly

Silence reigned inside the private parlor while Sirius Black sized both twins up, and the twins keeping themselves at full alert just in case something happens to either one of them.

"A walking shag carpet? Well I've been called worse than that." Sirius Black commented with a cackle.

Both twins raised their wands up wearily, getting ready to defend theirselves if necessary. Sirius Black merely laughed at the two.

"I don't find anything here very amusing." Hally stated in a low growl.

"Yeah, especially where it concerns you messing with our dad..."

"DO NOT CALL SNIVILUS THAT IN FRONT OF ME! HE IS ANYTHING, BUT YOUR FATHER!" Sirius Black roared in anger.

"That is it! I'm going to make you eat your own words!" Hally yelled out, her eyes flashing in sheer anger.

Harry grabbed his twin's arm to keep her where she stood.

"No Hal. Let the ministry take care of him, afterall he did betray our parents to you-know-who." Harry stated, glaring at the man before them.

Sirius Black looked from one twin to another. "You two actually think that I betrayed your parents?" He questioned them both.

"We know that you told him where we were!" both twins seethed at the same time.

"Squirts, you got the wrong person. You both have to believe me..."

"Then why are you attacking our dad, here in our home?" Hally demanded the question.

Sirius Black shrugged his shoulders. "I've always pranked Snivilus when we were in school. Just doing those pranks to him...It felt like the good old days, except without your Real father James being by my side." He confessed truthfully.

Both twins lowered their wands slowly, looked at each other, then looked back at the man before them in wonder.

"You mean that our father was a prankster at school?" Harry enquired. Hally remained silent, but kept her eyes on Sirius Black.

"The Marauders was what we were known as. There were four of us, James, myself, Remus Lupin, and of course Peter Petigrew." Sirius Black answered him proudly.

The twins' eyes went wide. "Oh yeah, I heard about you four from Peeves." Hally blurted out.

"Peeves is a menace at Hogwarts..."

"PEEVES IS MY FRIEND! DON'T YOU DARE TALK ABOUT HIM THAT WAY!" Hally shouted out in anger.

Harry let out a snigger while watching Sirius Black take the news in.

"My pardons little squirt. I did not know that Peeves was a friend of yours. although there is something to be said about how he

constantly gave your father a high shower from...water balloons landing on top of his head." Sirius Black ranted.

"If Peeves done that to him, then our father did something to deserve it." Hally replied with a mere shrug of her shoulder.

"Now hold on there you little squirt...,"

"I agree with Hal. If Peeves did that, then our real father James had to have done something to him first." Harry intervened with a stone expression on his face.

Sirius Black looked from one twin to the other, seeing their simultaneous expressions. He raised his hands up in defeat.

"I'll take back anything I have said about Peeves, however, you two are interferring where you don't belong when it comes to Snivilus...,"

"He is our dad, so therefore it does concern us!" Hally growled in anger at the man.

"I have to agree with my sister once again on that one!" Harry stated, narrowing his eyes at Sirius Black.

Sirius Black let out a sigh. "All right. All right. I'll leave Snivilus alone, but only because it was starting to get boring pranking the man every time he turned a corner here." He conceded, then tilted his head curiously at Hally. "Why is Malfoy here with his little dirt sniffer of a son?"

"They're our dad's guests if you must know." Hally answered him stiffly before looking at Harry. "Did he just call Malfoy a little dirt sniffer?"

"Uh...yep." Harry answered just before he bursted out a snigger. Hally grinned at her brother.

"Oh. Then he can't be all that bad then if he called Malfoy that." Hally giggled in hysterics.

Both twins, after collecting themselves from laughing at what Sirius Black had called Draco Malfoy, became serious once more.

"Not to put a damper in your future plans here, but you are an escaped convict and we have no choice, but to turn you in..."

"That is the thing right there! I never betrayed your parents squirts. If I had a way to quickly show you both that I would, but the only thing I can do right now, is prove my innocence by getting that little fink that did betray them...," he stopped in mid-sentence looking at Harry and Hally both.

The twins looked back at him with blank expressions on their faces. "What? Oh no! No we are not going to agree here..."

"Then at least let me prove my innocence to you both. Let me continue as being your new pet in order to get the one I am looking for. That's all I ask of you two." Sirius Black replied his request, hoping that both twins would have a good heart to at least let him prove his innocence.

He watched both twins huddle close, whispering to each other while they kept their eyes on him, to make sure that he wasn't trying anything funny. He noticed the two were having a very serious discussion over him until he finally noticed that they were looking back at him after coming to some sort of an agreement.

"Hal here doesn't quite like the idea, but she is willing to allow you to at least prove your innocence like myself here. So we both agree with your terms here, but on one condition." Harry announced, his face masked well.

"What is the condition?" Sirius Black enquired, suddenly not liking what was coming.

Harry walked over to his side of the private parlor, retrieved a closed box, and walked back to where his twin sister was standing across from Sirius Black.

"That you wear this special collar that we purchased before coming back here. It's charmed of course. So just in case you were to try anything with anyone here, you wouldn't succeed. It will...make you heel in at least one second." Harry explained wearing an evil grin on his face.

"C-check mate." Hally stuttered in between sniggers after noticing the look on Sirius Black's face.

"You mean to tell me that I have to wear that thing?" Sirius Black questioned them both.

"Yes you would. You can still roam around where you want, but the collar will make you behave." Harry answered him.

"It is either the collar or back to Azkaban. I'm thinking that you don't want to go back there now do you?" Hally pressed with a evil grin on her face as well.

Sirius Black took a step forward towards Hally. "Why you little...All right fine! I'll wear the bloody thing, but you little squirt, sleep with one eye open because one of these nights I just might let that little dirt sniffer sneak into your bedroom there and let him do whatever he wants with you." Sirius Black warned the raven-red-streak-haired-girl while practically snatching the collar out of Harry's hands to place around his neck.

Harry looked at his little sister. "Gee Hal, I think you just made a friend for life here." He commented, cackling into laughter.

"Whatever. I'm shaking over here." Hally squealed in laughter next.

Sirius Black glared at the two. "Rotten little squirts." he muttered heatedly.

"Aww. Don't worry Snuffles, you'll be just fine...obedient, but fine." Hally giggled

"It is MR. Snuffles to you, you little squirt!" Sirius Black practically shouted out

"Nope its Snuffles, your not Mr. enough...yet." Hally cackled

Harry shook his head, grinning from ear to ear. "Now I see why you somehow knew that name Hal. But let's leave it alone right now, its about time for the celebrations to start over your win in the potions competition." Harry announced after noticing the time on their clock.

"Fine. I'll leave it alone Harry...don't you have to change Snuffles?" Hally teased Sirius Black

Sirius Black muttered curses under his breath. "And James and Lily both wanted to know why I favored Harry more!" Sirius Black threw in Hally's face before transfiguring back into the twin's pet dog once more.

Hally merely shrugged her shoulders at him. "I don't care who you favor more. Just be lucky that your still going to be here." She simply said while Harry unlocked their doors to open them back up. "Oh by the way Harry? We can both hear him in his animagus form. Just to let you know in case you hear any thoughts coming into his head for some kind of revenge."

'You little squirt! I'm going to make sure that the little dirt sniffer does get you!' Sirius Black thought in his form.

"Then that would be a stupid thing to do Snuffles." Harry sniggered while he allowed Hally to leave their private parlor first. "And besides just to let you know? Hal only irks those she likes. She irks me all the time, so you better get used to it Snuffles, because Hal actually does like you." He added just before they met up with Hally in the hall.

"Now why did you have to go and let him know that for? I wanted to see how fast I can piss him off." Hally commented

Snuffles merely grunted while walking in-between the twins.

The celebration went off without any problems, considering that everyone knew that there was a rogue that was somewhere roaming the halls within the manor, but little did they all know that the rogue was indeed among them, sitting obediently in front of the twins with their pet luck dragons Silver, and Iris inside the huge ballroom after the house-elves had it magically extended in order to fit all the students from both schools inside. Tables of the twins' favorite foods appeared upon them in platter piled full, except for some that they considered to keep to theirselves from all of their friends. Snuffles noticed a platter full of different types of subs. He let out a whine which caught Harry and Hally's attention.

"Heh, he wants a sub Hal." Harry sniggered

Snuffles let out a groan. "Oh stop I'll get you one as well as Silver and Iris." Hally grinned heading toward the buffet tables for three subs.

Hally returned kneeling down and place a sub before Snuffles, Silver and Iris. "There you three go, with a dish and everything. Enjoy." Hally grinned, rubbing the luck dragons head gently and then ruffled Snuffles head next. Sniggers blurted out here and there from her throat.

'You do realize you little squirt that I am going to get even with you over this.' Snuffles thought, before he started to eat his sub.

"What else is new Snuffles, and I have to make people think that you are an actual dog after all. " Hally whispered before straightening herself up beside her twin brother Harry.

Harry noticed that his sister didn't get a plate for herself. "Your not eating anything Hal?" he enquired.

"I will when your ready Harry. I can wait." Hally grinned

"Always waiting on me...I want everything there, but well there's still somethings that were disincluded on the buffet." Harry commented truthfully

"I know Harry, I feel the same way." Hally nodded in agreement.

Severus walked past, listening in on their conversation. "Make that the three of us you two." He chuckled softly, walking away.

Both twins started laughing quietly. "All right, we have to have a midnight raid, dad included." Harry whispered

"Definitely." Hally agreed in low-key when they heard their front doorbell ring from Severus putting out the signorous charm for it to be heard.

"I'll get it." both twins blurted out at once. They looked at one another and sniggered again, deciding that they both would answer the door.

Snuffles snatched his sub up and followed suit, wondering who would be at the door. He watched as both twins answered the door, finding the whole Weasley clan waiting to be let inside.

"Hello Mr. and Mrs. Weasley...um the Malfoy's are here as well, so Mr. Weasley if you would even though it was fun to have seen that last year?" Hally enquired politely.

"Oh I'll be polite Hally. I promised Molly that I would or else I'll be on the sofa again." Arthur assured her while he and his family walked inside.

Ron took one look at Snuffles and started whimpering in fear. Hally turned around taking the scene in before giggling along with Ginny Weasley.

"Oh my gods Ron. Snuffles is only a dog for Merlin sake." She giggled

"He went after my Scabbers!" Ron exclaimed

"You should have left Scabbers at home Ron Weasley." Hally told him

"Even Ginny and I told him that before we headed to your competition, but he wouldn't listen." Hermione Granger piped in after greeting Harry and Hally both. "Now he learned the hard way."

"Good. I hope you left him home right now Ron. Because if you didn't, it will be your own fault if something happens to Scabbers this time. We just gotten Snuffles the new obedient charmed dog collar, and so far he's behaving quite nicely." Hally replied.

'Hey little squirt, don't over do it. Even though it was a nice touch.' Snuffles thought to Hally, his sub within his jaws in a firm grip.

Hally glanced down at Snuffles, grinning from ear to ear before looking back up at their friends. "Come on guys, they have our favorites on the buffet tables." She beckoned them, both her and Harry leading them into the huge ballroom.

"Great I'm starved." Ron grinned

"Your always starving." Harry, Hally, Hermione, Fred, George, and Ginny sniggered at the red-haired boy.

"So where are you two going to have your birthday party this year?" Ron enquired.

"Well we're going to have to split it again this year. One party here and...," Harry started out

"One party at your place, after dad and your mum talked it over a couple of weeks ago, and your invited to both parties as usual Ron. Just that..."

"I know your and Harry's Slytherin friends." Ron concluded, knowing that he was losing a huge battle in that category.

"Well Ron if you would just get to know them, you would see that they aren't bad at all...just your cousin, who is beginning to be a big pain in my butt." Hally stated

"How is Malfoy beginning to be a big pain in your butt?" Ginny enquired with interest.

"He snaked up on Hal in our family sauna and gave her snog to where she was in a daze." Harry sniggered.

"Eww! I hope that you washed out your mouth Hally..."

"Ronald Weasley that will be enough of that young man!" Molly Weasley replied sternly.

"Sorry mum." Ron groaned slightly. Harry leaned into Ron's way.

"I think that Hal like it Ron...alot." Harry sniggered

"I heard that Harry James." Hally exclaimed, hearing Fred, George, Ginny, Hermione and of course Percy laugh along with Harry.

"I'm sorry Hal. I did promise not to tease you over that situation." Harry grinned.

Molly looked at Arthur with a knowing look on her face. Arthur merely shook his head while hiding a grin on his face as they all entered the ballroom for Hally's victory celebrations.

Both twins were standing at the buffet tables, selecting what they both felt like wanting to eat when they overheard several parents discuss the notorious Sirius Black situation among them. They noticed that every now and then the adults would look their way with expressions of wonder upon their faces before turning their eyes from them to continue with their conversation.

"If you all only knew." They both whispered, sniggering among theirselves before they scanned the buffet tables once more.

After they got what they wanted, they went in search for one of the tables that were setted up inside the ballroom, meeting up with their friends the Weasley's and Hermione Granger, who was having a heavy discussion with Millicent Bullstrode. They each took a seat, joining in while Snuffles watched with keen interest.

'Gryffindors sitting with Slytherins...mind boggling.' Snuffles thought to himself, laying down beside both twins' feet.

After the party had ended, everyone was seen to the door, being thanked for coming, except for those who was staying as guests. The last to be seen out was the Weasley's.

"Don't forget to bring a change of clothes and pajamas. The first party is going to be an overnighter." the twins grinned at the young Weasleys.

"No problem." Ron promised them

"We'll even bring our special fireworks for the occasion you two." Fred and George both grinned

They watched them head down the walk before closing the door. They both turned to find Draco Malfoy standing there beside his parents and his brand new sister with his arms crossed.

"They're going to be here? Great the party is already going to be a sour one." Draco sneered at them

"You don't have to show up Malfoy." Hally replied stiffly, getting his attention.

"What and have my own cousin try to sink his Gryffindor claws on you? Think again little Potter, because I'm going to be here." Draco exclaimed, jealousy clearly written on his face.

Hally made a huffing sound before going past him. "I don't remember me being your property Malfoy." they all heard her blurt out just before she headed into the main living parlor.

Snuffles cocked his head at Draco before padding away to where Hally went, growling at the platinum-blonde-boy in warning.

Severus and Harry looked at one another. "Looks like the roads ahead are going to be a real rough one." Harry commented before following his suit to where his sister and Snuffles went.

"More like your sister is going to be quite the handful Connor." Severus muttered, then looked at Lucius. "I hope that you all are going to be ready for it when it comes." he added while walking beside Lucius and Narcissa with Draco Malfoy following behind them.

"I believe that we are looking forward to it." Lucius simply said, entering the main living parlor with Severus and his own family.

A/N: THat is all for chapter 13. see you in chapter 14 bye for now.

# Chapter 14

Both twins were sitting down on their favorite sofa when Severus came inside with the Malfoys; the rest of their Slytherin friends were inside their guestrooms changing their attire to head outdoors to the lake to cool off from the summer heat.

Draco kept his eyes on Hally after he walked in with his father. "So I'm supposed to just let Weasley try something with you little Potter..."

"I told you that you I am not your property Malfoy, so lay off!" Hally exclaimed with an irritated sigh.

Harry gave Draco a slight glare, "Let her alone Malfoy. Besides it is up to Hal whether or not she wants anything to do with you....although at the moment I like her decision so far..."

"Connor that will be enough." Severus sighed while Lucius looked at his own son.

"Now Draco, give Miss. Potter some space here. We certainly would not want to frighten the girl away from you." Lucius commented

"In your dreams Blondie...."

"Enough Raven!" Severus almost shouted out, trying to keep some sort of peace between everyone.

"Fine," Hally simply said, turning her eyes from their view.

The main living parlor had become so quiet; that you could actually hear a pin drop onto its floor. Both men observed the three youngster's actions just before Severus broke the silence in the room.

"Since the competition is now over for another three to four years, why don't you and Connor go ahead and discuss what you both want at your birthday party here. We've already discussed what you two want at your second one." Severus suggested to Harry and Hally both.

"All right dad. Come on Snuffles." Harry grinned at the idea while and his twin sister Hally got to their feet to leave.

Hally turned towards Severus once more. "Why do we have to..."

"We've already went through with this discussion before Raven." Severus cut her off short with a stern look on his face.

"Yes sir." Hally sighed in defeat while following her big brother Harry out of the main living parlor.

Draco watched both of the twins leave, grinning evilly until he heard growling down at his feet. He looked down to find Snuffles growling at him in warning.

'Do not even think about it you little dirt sniffer!' Snuffles thought before trotting after Harry and Hally.

"Bloody dog is a menace." Draco commented after seeing the dog disappear from view.

"Perhaps, but he is keeping his eyes on Raven's well being while Connor is busy. Raven is becoming a handful." Severus stated, while sifting through his mail for anything important.

"A handful? I would say that she is more than a handful." Lucius replied

" I realize this Lucius. She has went through etiquette schooling and was tutored to act like a lady by the women professors at Hogwarts on the weekends during the school terms. I don't know what else to do to keep her in line." Severus explained truthfully.

"what she needs is a mother figure to guide her down the right path." Narcissa commented, cradling her newborn daughter in her arms.

"what mother would try to take on such a task?" Severus enquired

"I would be happy to do it." Narcissa volunteered

"You do not know what you are volunteering for Narcissa. The girl may try something when you least expect it." Lucius replied stiffly over the matter of Hally.

Severus looked up from his mail. "Raven knows to mind her manners Lucius, especially when it has something to do with her learning use proper manners as a young lady." Severus stated, keeping full eye contact on the blonde-man.

Draco intervened just then. "Your joking with us here aren't you professor?" He enquired the Potions Master.

"I'm afraid that I am not joking when it comes to Raven being serious. She has her moments yes, but she does know where her limits are." Severus pointed out

"But will she be polite to my wife while they are out of our presence?" Lucius questioned, his knuckles were white from gripping his cane so hard.

Severus sat back to ponder on the blonde-man's words before giving him an answer. "I believe that she would." He finally said "Even though her thoughts of your son is much to be desired, considering how they treat one another."

Draco sat upright suddenly. "Hey! I have every right to defend myself when it comes to those two!" Draco exclaimed with wide eyes.

Severus glanced over at Draco for a couple of minutes before dropping the subject.

Meanwhile the twins were sitting inside one of their hidden rooms discussing on what they wanted for their first birthday party when Snuffles decided to explore the room by nudging cabinets open with his nose.

Harry rested his hands on his knees. "What I don't understand is we are constantly inviting Malfoy...well dad has been making you invite him to our birthday parties, but he has never sent an invitation to either of us." Harry pointed out thoughtfully.

"I know Harry, but you know dad...He is my godson, no matter how much you both can't stand him; you will not go down to his level...honestly, you would think that he would give up on the jerk." Hally commented until she noticed smoke circling around her and Harry.

They both turned to find Sirius Black taking a long drag off a flavored cigarette.

"Ah, you never know what you miss in Azkaban until you find it." Sirius Black sighed in content.

"Well I see that it didn't take you long to find that stash." Harry commented with a snigger. Hally stifled a giggle.

Sirius Black looked at the two wearily. "All right what is wrong with this....,"

"Oh good gods relax! Harry was just teasing you. Those by the way are ours, even though we almost had gotten into trouble with dad finding that butt in the planterm it never came from us, and that isn't our usual brand...honestly black licorice flavored cigarettes...gross." Hally replied with a shudder.

"Yeah, parish the thought of us both getting into trouble with that kind." Harry agreed

Sirius narrowed his eyes, "Does Snape know about you two and these here?" He questioned them both.

"yes, but we believe that he thought we had black licorice ones in ours." Hally answered truthfully

"Not to mention that we can drink, but after our encounters in our first year, we both decided not to go that route." Harry added with a grin on his face.

Sirius simply looked from one twin to another. "Bloody hell I believe if your mother and father were alive you would have their hair turning grey before their time." he exclaimed at the two

Both twins merely laughed at him. "I wonder who would have went grey first." Hally giggled until they all heard footsteps heading their way.

"Shh! I'll check it out." Harry whispered as he quickly scrambled to see who it was.

He peered out to find Draco Malfoy going past them.

Harry walked back and sat down once more. "Only Malfoy, no one special." he simply said.

"Oh. Hey little squirt, there goes you boyfriend out there, better kiss him before he turns to dust." Sirius Black teased to Hally with a quiet chuckle.

Hally's face turned three shades of pink. Harry started sniggering at her.

"You are about to eat your words." Hally warned Sirius Black.

Sirius raised his hands up innocently. "Wasn't me that the little dirt sniffer snaked up on and kissed." He grinned

Hally slapped her forehead with the palm of her right hand. Harry started to cackle into laughter.

Hally turned her eyes to Sirius Black. "Make you last request right now, because you are about to wish you never brought that up." Hally told him

Sirius Black slapped his hand upon his chest, feigning pain. "Oh, she's going to tear me apart Harry! Woah, look out for her claws!" Sirius Black cackled out while laughing along with Harry.

Hally went to grab for their notorious godfather until Harry took a hold of her, making sure that she couldn't get harm the man.

"You are so gone! Let me go Harry James. He's going to be singing soprano very soon!" Hally cried out

"Hal, he was only teasing you..." Harry noticed that Hally had a little love bite just below her right ear.

"Oh my gods Hal! Who gave you that mark there?" Harry asked

"Um...." Sirius Black took one look and started laughing quietly once more. "Oh Yes! The little dirt sniffer gave her that after giving her a big snog there. Your sister practically melted to the floor that day." He laughed.

"I'm going to kick your arse!" Hally cried out, her face turning pink once more. She heard her own brother Harry tease her next.

"Malfoy and Hal, sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G!" Harry sung out

"HARRY JAMES THAT IS NOT FUNNY!" Hally practically yelled out, then gave Sirius Black such a slap that he could only lean back laughing harder along with her twin brother Harry.

"B-But Hal! Your supposed to p-punch him like you usually p-punch Ron when he tries something with you, not like it!" Harry cackled out

Hally crossed her arms, looking away from the two in silence.

"Aw, come on Hal. You know that we're just joking with you here." Harry grinned at her, trying to cheer her up fast.

"I know," Hally sighed quietly, then looked at the two. "I just don't want to think about what Malfoy did to me that day. He is a sneaky conyving snake that is a huge jerk." Hally added.

Harry sniggered once more. "Yeah, one that snaked you good." Harry cackled

Hally got to her feet. "I give up." she simply said, moving away from her brother and Sirius Black.

"All right Hal, we'll stop teasing you." Harry grinned at her

"Speak for yourself squirt! I'm kind of finding your sister's predicament very amusing." Sirius Black grinned from ear to ear.

"You would fur boy." Hally muttered under her breath

They all suddenly heard footsteps coming back before they heard tapping. "Great! Malfoy is looking for us now." Harry whispered while he and his twin sister watched Sirius transform back into their new pet.

Sure enough Draco Malfoy pushed his way into their one hidden room, looking around at their surroundings.

"The Bloody hell would you two want to come in here for when there is plenty of other rooms to choose from?" Draco questioned them

"To keep away from you." Hally blurted out her words, then noticed Draco grinning evilly at her

"So you say little Potter. Anyway, I'm here to let you both know that your father is wanting to speak to you both." Draco informed them

Both twins stretched their arms, yawned, and went to head out with Snuffles, Draco following behind them both.

Snuffles observed the twins along with Draco to see how well the three got along. He noticed the same thing being done with Harry and Malfoy, except that Hally's reaction towards Draco Malfoy was different. She hardly ever called him another name besides his own. An idea came to Snuffles head at that moment. He quietly thought of a way to keep both of the twins from finding out what he was up to and made a plot to go into the works.

#### **MIDNIGHT**

Hally had just woken up from a weird dream that came to her just a bit ago, gasping for air from jolting up from her sleep. She got up from her bed, paced the floor, and sat down in front of her vanity mirror after turning on her lights. She took a quick glance at her image in her mirror before taking another long look. There was another mark on the left side of her neck.

Draco walked down the hall whistling a tune with a grin on his face until he heard Hally let out a horrifying scream. He started to snigger as he went into his guest room, closing the door.

"Goodnight little Potter. A shame that your dog wasn't there with you this time." Draco cackled to himself triumphantly, looking up at the ceiling with an evil grin on his face.

A/N: That is all for chapter 14. see you in chapter 15 bye for now :D

# Chapter 15

Harry was having a fantastic dream when he suddenly heard his twin sister Hally let out a horrifying scream, making him jump out of his bed, and go running out of his bedroom to see what was wrong. He stormed into Hally's room with his wand in his hand, ready to put some major damage on to whoever it was that was causing his little sister harm. Hally turned abruptly around to him, pointing at the new mark on her neck.

"Look at this! Malfoy was in here while I was sleeping, and attacked me! Where is that mutt, I am going to fix it to where he will be bald for the rest of his life!" Hally exclaimed heatedly

Harry lowered his wand after seeing the new mark on Hally's neck, sniggering once more.

"It is not funny Harry James!" Hally seethed through her clinched teeth.

"S-sorry Hal, but I can't help it. Lately you've become an easy target to Malfoy." Harry stuttered in-between quiet cackles.

Snuffles trotted into the room, sitting down by Harry's feet. Hally glared down at him with narrowed eyes.

"Where were you when I was getting mauled by Malfoy moments ago?" Hally demanded her question.

'Mauled? Now that is the first I have heard about love bites being any kind of evidence of being mauled.' Snuffles thought, looking away and feigning innocence.

"That is it! We won't have a dog after tonight!" Hally ranted, searching around for her wand in sheer anger.

Just when Hally was about to grab for her wand, Harry snatched it from her reach swiftly.

"Give me my wand Harry; he crossed the line this time...,"

"No Hal, you can't prove that he left on purpose. He probably didn't do it on purpose." Harry commented, and then looked down at Snuffles. "You didn't leave on purpose did you Snuffles?"

'No, I...had to go outside for some air. Yeah that's it! Some air.' Snuffles thought to them. He covered his face with his paws and let out a whinnying laugh.

Hally pointed down at him. "You see? He did leave on purpose!" Hally cried out, getting ready to go after Snuffles until Harry intervened.

"All right Hal, you've proven your point, but that is no reason to try to take it out on him just because Malfoy snaked on you....again." Harry stated before sniggering once more.

"Fine! Side with fur face then." Hally replied, turning her back on both Snuffles and her big brother.

Harry blew out a sigh. "Hal, don't be angry at us come on." He reasoned

"I'm not angry Harry, but I am getting there." Hally spoke out truthfully, turning around once again. "If he does that again, he's going to find himself on a leash outside chasing gnomes." Hally announced with meaning while looking down at Snuffles with a stone expression on her face.

Harry's eyes widen a bit over his little sister's comment. He looked down at Snuffles, who was looking up at him in return.

"Trust me, Hal means every word. The collar is one thing, but the leash....Just don't do it again Snuffles, unless you are really wanting to be her worst enemy." Harry explained in detail.

'Females! You play a harmless game or prank and they make you the enemy! All right, all right! I won't do it again...sheesh just like you two's mother, always too serious for her own knickers!' Snuffles reluctantly promised to them in thought, sighing in defeat.

"Keep our mum out of it fur-ball, besides I do like pranks and games, just your goes way out there, I do know my limitations when it comes to something like that. How would you like it if I stuck you in a room with pink-loving-Pansy Parkinson hmm? You would be scratching at the door howling and begging to be let out away from her." Hally commented with a wave of her hand.

Snuffles, after listening to Hally's every word collapsed onto his right side and let out a loud horrifying howl.

### "AWOOOOO!"

Both twins plugged their ears from the noise.

"Hal, I don't think he liked that remark at all." Harry exclaimed

"I can see that Harry. Stop it Snuffles! I was only stating an example, like I would ever put you through that torture." Hally cried out over Snuffles howling.

Snuffle's howling ceased quickly. 'Thank gods! I've seen what that Slytherin reject wore when he was at Hogwarts! His taste in clothes looked like something from a nightmare. He wore canary yellow every chance he got.' Snuffles thought just before he hopped up onto the foot of Hally's queen size bed, lying down to sleep.

Harry and Hally looked at one another in surprise after hearing his thoughts, and bursted into hysterical laughter.

"W-wait! Parkinson's father actually wore canary yellow?" Harry asked in-between laughter

"E-eww! Now we know where she gets it from!" Hally cackled

The twins' laughter subsided minutes later, both yawning from being tired.

"Well I'm going back to bed Hal. You should be fine for the rest of the night...Snuffles stay put this time. We don't need Hal getting a

complex over Malfoy trying something with her again." Harry replied with detail before heading back to his room for the night.

Hally closed and locked her door, turned off her light and climbed into her bed, snuggling under her favorite blankets of fur and dragon hide that was given to her by Charlie Weasley and his friend that works beside him with dragons. She felt Snuffles scooting up a bit until his head was by her hand.

'So, out of curiosity...did you like that little encounter little squirt?' Snuffles thought his question to her in a teasing manner.

Hally breathed in an exasperated sigh. "I am so going to get you for that one." She simply said, looking up at the ceiling through tired eyes.

'Just teasing you little squirt, although hearing the noise you made was amusing.' Snuffles teased in thought with a small whinny laugh.

Hally sat up abruptly. "W-what noises? What did I do?" Hally asked wearily

'Oh, nothing big. Just the same thing when he snaked you in the sauna that day.' Snuffles thought to her truthfully.

Hally laid back down on her bed, muttering curses under her breath falling asleep, but not before Snuffles heard her say "I'm in major trouble here." Snuffles listened until he heard Hally's breathing go deep from fallen asleep minutes later.

'That you are little squirt. That you are.' Snuffles thought to himself just before he closed his eyes, falling asleep as well.

### **NEXT DAY**

Everyone was in the dining hall for breakfast. The twin's Slytherin friends kept giving Hally glances every few seconds, noticing the mark on her neck, sniggering from what Harry had told them that morning after they all met up in the main living parlor. After a few were teasing Hally, they were suddenly getting chased around the room by the raven-red streak-haired-girl, laughing so hard that they

practically tripped over their own feet just by trying to get away from her.

"Stop staring at my neck or I am going to jinx your food. I can do it too you know." Hally warned them with an evil grin on her face.

Their eyes fell to their plates, sniggering at her predicament. Severus, after hearing about the situation, suddenly found it highly amusing, but had hidden his smirk from everyone's view, except for the twins; who knew his expression only too well.

"Dad, it is not funny...." Hally heard Draco Malfoy snigger in his juice glass at her. "Sleep with one eye open Malfoy, because I owe you one for this!" She then lashed out in front of everyone.

"Oh for Merlins' sake Raven, let the boy alone. He didn't harm you, just....gave you something to think about." Severus replied, teasing his daughter immensely.

Lucius dropped his fork, a deep laugh erupted from his throat after hearing Severus's remark.

"I'd say he certainly did." He commented, laughing continuously.

Hally groaned in misery. She looked upwards, wishing that the earth would just swallow her up at that precise moment. She let out a sigh before looking around the table, finding that Igor Karkaroff and Victor Krum were not present.

Hally looked towards Severus with a confused look on her face. "Hey dad, where is Mr. Karkaroff and Victor? Shouldn't they be here too?" She enquired

Severus sat his cup of coffee down onto his saucer. "They had to get up early this morning Raven to get shop for things that Mr. Krum will be needing for when his school term begins. They decided that it would be best if they gather them now instead of later. Remember he will have a busy schedule with him playing profession Quidditch and schooling." He explained to Hally.

Hally let out a very small whine which was heard by both Harry and Severus.

"Rest assured Raven, that Mr. Krum did not forget that you both are going out later this evening." Severus replied in low-key, seeing her face brighten up once again. "Which reminds me, the Headmaster has managed to grant us permission to allow Snuffles to be with us during the school year, provided that he stays on schedule along with your pet luck dragons, and stays with me during classes. I do not know why, but I have reluctantly agreed to his terms." Severus announced to Harry and Hally both.

"Cool!" Harry said

"Wicked!" Hally exclaimed

Snuffles merely looked up at the potions master, after hearing his announcement.

"But," Severus said, keeping her ground to both twins. "Snuffles will be heading to Hogwarts with me instead of traveling with you two by train. We certainly do not need to scare the new first years so soon by the two of you and the ride there would not go well with a dog." He explained to them in full detail

"Yes sir. We understand dad." the twins grinned at him.

"Good. Now I have decided that Raven will be going along with Mrs. Malfoy today while she is out in Diagon Alley." Severus announced surprisingly, watching Hally's face go from excitement to shock in a split second.

"But why dad? Can't Malfoy go with his mother?" Hally asked in bewiderment.

"It is not something for a boy to attend to Raven. You will not be the only young lady going. it will be a ladies day out, and you along with the other girls will be going along with Mrs. Malfoy while we males stay here...do not give me that look young lady, you will need to learn

that there are other things to know than just manners for a young lady." Severus stated, keeping his ground.

"Yes sir." Hally sighed in defeat.

"It's okay Hal. It isn't like we're going to be separated for long, and besides we did say that we both needed to do our own thing to keep from getting on each others nerves." Harry said with much reasoning.

"I know that Harry. It was unexpected that's all." Hally stated truthfully. She didn't like having a decision made without her knowledge, especially when it was over her.

"It is not a death sentence Raven. You just mind your manners and you'll be fine." Severus replied in a stern manner.

"I will dad. I know how to behave, I'm not a little girl anymore." Hally exclaimed with wide eyes.

Draco Malfoy let out a snigger. "No you certainly aren't little Potter." He blurted out

"That's it!" Hally yelled out. She was just about to stand up when Severus took hold of her shoulder and gently, but firmly kept her in place.

"Enough Raven." He told her, then looked to his left at Draco. "That will be enough to you as well young man."

"What did I "

"You heard him son, enough!" Lucius spoke out sternly to his son. "Since your mother will be out with the young ladies today, you will be helping her out a great deal on watching your baby sister." He announced

"What?!" Draco Malfoy cried out with wide eyes.

"You heard me son. You are going to learn what being a big brother is all about." Lucius told him

"And since Connor will be here as well, being a big brother himself, if ever you need any advice, I am sure that he will be more than capable to give them to you." Severus commented, seeing Harry nearly choke on his juice from his words.

"Aw dad come on. I don't know anything about babies." Harry reasoned

"No, but you do know what being a big brother is all about. So if Draco needs any advice over that situation, you can help him out in that area." Severus replied

Harry looked over at Draco, pondering for a second, then hid a grin on his face after an idea popped into his head.

"I can do that dad, no problem." Harry simply said. He heard his twin sister stifle a giggle.

'You are evil Harry. Don't forget to get pictures. We wouldn't want to let all of our friends down here.' Hally thought to her brother.

'Now why would I let our friends down Hal? You know that I never forget to get picture, especially when it concerns Malfoy here.' Harry thought back to his little sister while taking a deep drink of his juice.

Snuffles looked from one twin to another seeing the looks on their faces.

'Hey squirts, whatever you two are planning for the little dirt sniffer there, I want in on it. I know those looks too well to know that you both are plotting something.' Snuffles thought to the two with interest.

Both twins snuck him a couple of slices of bacon and sausage, their way of telling him that they were all in agreement on letting him in on the plot.

"Hey Hal while your out today, could you possibly...,"

"I was already thinking about that Harry. I do need a stock up myself...."

"I will get those thank you. Just hand me the list and I will have them here before you return Raven." Severus told them both

Hally took out her unfinished list, handing it to him. "Um dad, no licorice flavored ones please? We don't like those ones...oh Harry like the vanilla flavored ones while I like the chocolate mint flavored ones...and can you possibly..."

"One thing at a time Raven. Good lord, just like a woman already...so you two don't actually smoke that brand...."

"Smoke?!" Draco Malfoy exclaimed with wide eyes. He leaned over Severus's right, getting a good look at the list before looking at Harry and Hally both.

"What? Ours is natural and not harmful for you." Harry commented

"Not only that, but we made sure of that by looking into it. You could try to do that sometime Malfoy." Hally stated with a mere shrug.

"But your still smoking! I could have...Never mind." Draco replied after getting a stern look from his father Lucius.

"You never asked us or the other Slytherins Malfoy. They knew that we smoked, but also knew that we don't use that brand or that flavor." Hally commented with smirk on her face.

Draco Malfoy leaned back in his seat in a brief shock. "Why you evil hell cat! You enjoyed seeing me get into trouble that day didn't you little Potter?" He questioned

"Actually....Yes I did Malfoy, thank you for making my day." Hally cracked before laughing along with her brother and their Slytherin friends.

Both men watched the two who sat across from each other at the table before looking directly at one another.

"I hope that you truly are ready for this Lucius as well as your wife." Severus spoke out over the laughter.

"I'm beginning to see your point in all of this Severus, although she would keep things from getting boring at home." Lucius called out over the noise from the youngsters.

They both looked at the scene before them once more, finding Narcissa enjoying the two squabbling at on another.

"Oh good lord." Lucius simply said.

"All right quiet down everyone and finish your breakfast. The ladies have a full day ahead of them...don't you dare fling that jam at Draco, Raven....Connor stop encouraging your sister into starting a food fight with the boy here...Raven put that pitcher down this instant! You can't throw juice at him either or anything else for that matter! Connor, if I have to tell you one more time to stop encouraging her, you will be helping Draco with the babysitting." Severus ranted, trying to calm everyone down at that moment until....

"TAKE THIS MALFOY!"

"SPLAT!"

"RAVEN! I TOLD YOU NO!" Severus boomed out after seeing Hally splat Draco's face the breakfast gravy.

"O-oh m-my!" Narcissa stuttered laughing at the scene.

"Narcissa!" Lucius exclaimed in shock until he too seen his sons appearance and roared into laughter next.

"Oops." Hally giggled in hysterics

"Bullseye Hal...uh, sorry dad, but he does look funny." Harry sniggered honestly, pointing over at Draco, who was still trying to wipe the gravy off of his face.

Severus drummed his fingers on the table, sighing irritably while Snuffles quickly snuck out of the dining hall unnoticed. Suddenly everyone heard the whinnying laugh erupt from the hall.

"Looks like someone else enjoyed my son's torment here." Lucius said in-between guffaws of laughter.

Everyone calmed down moments later to finish their breakfast with sniggers and cackles erupting every few seconds over Draco's appearance.

A/N: That is all for chapter 15. see you in chapter 16 bye for now.

# Chapter 16 The Adventurous Day

Severus tapped his index finger while he sat at the head of the dining table until the last fork clinked onto a dish, as if announcing that breakfast was finally over. He turned towards his devious adopted twins at that precise moment.

"Since you and your friends are finished, you are all excused. Raven, you and the other young ladies are to wait for Mrs. Malfoy inside the main living parlor while Connor will be on alert in case Draco needs his help." Severus announced to the twins.

"Yes sir." Both twins simply said, getting up to leave the table with their Slytherin friends. Draco left the table last, lagging behind as usual, but caught up with them wearing an evil grin on his face.

"Don't forget to give your betrothed a kiss before you leave little Potter." Draco Malfoy blurted out.

Cackles, hoots, sniggers, and laughter erupted from Harry and the other Slytherins just then.

"Dream on Malfoy." Hally's voice cried out from the hall, after they all had left the dining hall.

Severus rubbed his temple with his left hand. "This is going to be one rough end to deal with here." He muttered just enough to be heard by Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy.

"I have never met a veela that kept themselves away from their soul mates, although your...daughter has made an exception...for now at least." Lucius commented

"I'm sure that she will see things differently when she is older Lucius." Narcissa replied.

"Let us hope that she does Narcissa." Severus simply said, knowing how far Hally would take her denial.

"I swear if Malfoy comes near me again, I am going to make sure that he regrets putting his hands on me..."

"Aw come on Hal, admit it! You liked Malfoy putting those love bites on your neck." Harry teased his twin sister.

Hally went to slap her big brother, chasing him around their black leather sofa that sat in the center of their own private parlor.

"Hold still Harry, so I can hit you." Hally exclaimed, hearing Harry cackle at her

"No way little sis. I know how hard you can hit." Harry stated inbetween laughs.

After several minutes of chasing her big brother, Hally decided that it was not worth fighting with Harry and went to her bedroom to see what she would need for her private potions cabinet.

"Dad will not allow you to go to KnockTurn Alley Hal. You know that." Harry reminded her, peering inside her room at her.

"I know that Harry, but how are we going to see if our newest experiment will work if we don't get that one special ingredient." Hally reasoned

"Ask and see if dad would get it for us Hal, like we always do." Harry commented with a shrug of his shoulders.

"I will Harry...Um Harry; did you open my last pack of smokes here by chance?" Hally enquired, finding her last pack torn open.

"No, I didn't. You know that I always ask you first." Harry answered her truthfully.

They looked at one another, putting two and two together.

"Snuffles." They both simply said, grinning from ear to ear.

"I'll have dad double our stock up." Harry promised

"Wicked, but he does need to stay alert though Harry." Hally reminded her big brother

"Yeah I know, I'll talk to snuffles later on....you better hurry or you'll be late leaving." Harry told his twin sister.

"Okay. See you in a few hours Harry, trust when I say a few hours....I mean that literally." Hally giggled

"Yeah I know that too, just don't go over board on buying out the stores on me again." Harry teased, grinning from ear to ear.

Hally merely smiled at her brother. "Hey, what can I say big brother? Have to stay up with the fashion, and you need a new wardrobe anyway, bye." Hally giggled, taking off to head downstairs before she gave Harry a chance to argue with her.

"Aww man! Now I have to go through my clothes again....Thanks alot Hal!" Harry called out to his little sister before he went to find the other guys.

"Your welcome Harry!" Harry heard Hally yell up to him in a fit full of giggles.

"I had to have a twin sister." Harry muttered shaking his head and grinning from ear to ear.

### **DIAGON ALLEY**

Hally along with the rest of the girls that stayed with her for the summer walked the cobble street of Diagon Alley with Narcissa Malfoy, laughing and giggling. Every now and then, they would stop at a shop, looking at different types of displays to see what was the newest popular item. When they stopped to see the newest broomstick display, they were in awe.

"Wow! a Firebolt! Hally, do you think that your dad would get you and Harry one of those this year?" Blaise Zabini enquired

Hally kept her eyes on the display. "No. Mine and Harry's brooms are still in top condition, we don't need a new one this year." she answered, finally looking away from the display.

"Top condition or not, you should ask him for a new one." Maryanne Greengrass commented

"Maryanne! That would be greedy, besides I like my Nimbus Two Thousand and One just fine." Hally grinned

Narcissa Malfoy remained silent, smiling to herself while she continued to listen to the girls.

"Precisely my point Hally. You do that constantly. You both deserve to splurge here and there." Maryanne giggled

"Now where is the fun in that if we can't earn it the honest way. Let's go check out the latest fashions. Harry is expecting me to update his wardrobe, and I did tell him that I would." Hally replied

"But Hally....,"

"Now Miss Greengrass, If Miss Potter feels that she wants to earn anything honestly, then that is her priviledge dear." Narcissa intervened with a warm smile. "Come along ladies."

They allowed Narcissa to take the lead as usual. Hally leaned in to whisper to the girls.

"Malfoy may be a jerk, but I do like his mother. She has spunk." Hally whispered with a grin

They all giggled quietly while they entered a shop with Narcissa Malfoy.

MEANWHILE BACK AT SNAPE MANOR....

Harry was just getting into one of his and Hally's favorite wizarding video game when Draco Malfoy strode into the family game room.

"Potter....Hey Potter! I need your assistance here!" Draco exclaimed, getting Harry's attention.

Harry paused the game, hearing complaints coming from the other Slytherin boys.

"I know, I know but I did promise my dad that I would help Malfoy when he asks for it. What is it Malfoy?" Harry questioned the platinum-blonde-boy.

"My little sister won't stop crying and I don't know what is wrong with her." Draco Malfoy answered.

"Did you change her?" Harry asked, leaning back in his seat

"Change her?" Draco Malfoy enquired

"Yeah Malfoy. Babies has to be changed. They can't go to the bathroom, meaning their diapers has to be changed." Harry answered, stifling a snigger.

"Oh gods that is just gross!" Draco exclaimed, making a look of disdain on his face.

"Sorry Malfoy, but that's the way it is." Harry explained.

Draco grabbed his stomach, "I'll...see if she needs to be changed." He reluctantly announced before leaving the family game room.

Harry waited for at least a few minutes before getting up from his seat. "I'll be right back guys." He grinned, leaving the game room.

Harry quietly walked down the long hall until he was in front of Lucius's and Narcissa's guest room. He peered in finding Draco checking his little sister's diaper and fanning his face. Harry sniggered quietly watching Draco finish with the diaper changing, pulled out a wizarding camera he borrowed from Maryanne Greengrass and cleared his throat.

Draco sat down in one of the chairs after he got rid of the dirty diaper and washed his hands at least five times, sighing in misery.

"Hungy!"

Draco looked around the room after hearing the small voice, finding no one but him and his new baby sister.

"Hungy! Gim foo!"

Draco quickly got up toward his little sister with wide eyes. "What?" Draco asked in shock

"Hungy! Gim foo!"

Draco wandered around the room, trying to figure out what to feed his little sister while Harry sniggered at the scene before he started to take pictures.

"Can we say gullible or what?" Harry whispered quietly

Draco looked down at his baby sister. "What to feed you..."

"Hey Malfoy, how's it going with the diaper changing?" Harry asked walking into the guest room, after he collected himself swiftly and hid the camera.

"She needed changed Potter...do babies talk early by chance?" Draco enquired with a look of confusion on his face.

"How should I know Malfoy, I haven't been around babies to know if they can talk early." Harry answered, hiding a smirk on his face.

"Oh." Draco simply said, rubbing the back of his neck.

Harry started to grin just then. "What is it Malfoy? What has got you in knots here?" Harry asked, waiting for an answer.

"I could have sworn...that is...I thought I heard her talk to me just now." Draco answered him reluctantly.

"Your joking right? You heard your little sister talk to you?" Harry pressed, wanting to burst out laughing at that very moment.

"No I am not joking with you, and yes I thought I heard her talk to me just now Potter!" Draco answered almost in a yell.

"Okay, okay Malfoy calm down. Sheesh! It was just a question." Harry stated in defense, feinging as though he was offended by Draco practically yelling at him.

"I thought that you was thinking that I was playing a prank on you or something Potter." Draco rambled

"If that was an apology Malfoy, then I'll take it as that. If you don't need anything else?" Harry stated in question.

"Yeah. what do babies um...eat?" Draco questioned Harry suddenly.

"Well...since she is a new born, she gets something like formula or breast milk from the mother Malfoy." Harry answered in detail

"Breast milk? Oh, that's why my mother is constantly up here." Draco commented.

"Well then, she should be fine for a couple of hours at least....well what do you know, she's asleep Malfoy. Whatever you did, it worked like a charm." Harry stated with a grin on his face.

Draco looked down at his baby sister. "Huh! Doesn't take much to make her happy." Draco replied

"Yeah, but wait until she gets older Malfoy, you'll really be in for a treat then." Harry informed him, leaving the guest room.

## THREE HOURS LATER...

The girls returned with Narcissa Malfoy back to the manor, each one running up the stairs while the boys were keeping their distance so that they wouldn't get ran over. Harry watched his own twin sister

stop on the third step, looked his way with a huge grin on his face before she continued up the stairs to catch up with the girls.

"Oh no! She updated my wardrobe just like she told me she would." Harry groaned.

Draco started cackling over Harry's comment. "It has to be tough to be you right now Potter....,"

"Oh Draco dear, Miss Potter was so gracious enough to update your wardrobe dear along with her brother. Remember to give her your thanks." Narcissa intervened, climbing the stairs behind the young ladies.

"WHAT!" Draco cried out in shock.

"MY SISTER DID WHAT!" Harry exclaimed in surprise

"LADY HEX DID WHAT!" The rest of the Slytherin boys yelled out

The boys went to head upstairs when they seen Hally standing at the very top with an evil grin on her face.

"Hally Lilian Potter, what did you do?!" Harry demanded his little sister in question.

"Just updated our wardrobes Harry....oh and Malfoy's...don't worry I'm not about to do it constantly. He wanted a betrothed, well...he got one." Hally answered innocently, before heading to her room.

Harry took one look at Draco and bursted out laughing along with the other Slytherin boys. Draco glared at Harry.

"Potter your sister is asking for trouble." Draco cried out

"No she isn't Malfoy. She just....making a point." Harry sniggered heading up to his room with the other boys following behind.

Draco stormed down the hall to his guest room. He practically threw open the door, stomped his way into the room, finding many

packages lined up along the left side of his guest room. He walked over to where the packages were sitting, tore open one of the boxes and took a look inside.

What he found inside completely surprised him. He lifted up a robe that was made of the finest material inside the box.

"What do you have there son?" He heard turning to find his father, Lucius standing in the doorway.

"Little Potter updated my wardrobe father." Draco answered him, showing him the robe.

Lucius looked at the robe in appreciation. "She has rather fine taste in fashion. I'll give you that. I do hope that you will thank her apropriately. After all she is your betrothed." He stated before turning to leave.

"You mean that I have to thank her for these?" Draco questioned in shock

"Yes you do...better yet, you'll get her a special birthday gift since you will be present for their first Birthday party." Lucius answered

"What kind of special birthday gift father?" Draco sighed in defeat

"We will get it, when we find it son...I'll leave you now so that you can see what she has bought you." Lucius told him, leaving Draco to his privacy.

Draco turned back to the package, and went to open the rest, finding expensive shirts, pants, socks, etc.

"She's worse than my own mother when it comes to shopping for clothes." Draco muttered to himself, coming to the last package and opened it up.

Inside the last package was the one thing he did not expect to recieve from anyone, simply because his father kept telling him no....it was the rarest stone dragon statue that he kept eyeing every time he went to Diagon Alley with his father.

"Now how the bloody hell did she know that I wanted this?" Draco questioned loudly to himself, before an idea came to him. He quickly covered the box back up before making a bee line down stairs, leaving the mess in his guest room to the house-elves to do some research on yeelas.

In the meantime, Harry was giving Hally his annual lecture on her going overboard on updating his wardrobe while Hally merely crossed her arms grinning at him.

"I told you that I didn't need all those clothes Hal! Look at this! Shirts, pants, socks...Oh my gods you upgraded to underwear this year! You go too far with the shopping Hal....stop thinking that this is funny Hal, because it isn't! What did you do Hal? Shop for dad too this time...Bloody Hell you did! Hal you need to slack down on your shopping! Now what is this thing....," Harry's voice trailed off after he opened his last package, finding several new books on hexes, charms, and curses that he wanted.

"You were saying Harry?" Hally asked wearing a wide grin.

Harry gave his twin sister a big hug. "Hal, I love you little sis!" He cried out happily.

"Your welcome Harry." Hally giggled before helping her brother put his things away.

After everything was done, the twins headed downstairs to the main living parlor, finding the Slytherins spying at the family library door.

"Hey what gives?" Harry enquired to Flint

"Malfoy is in there doing some sort of research." Flint answered in a whisper

The twins looked at one another, before joining their friends in spying on Draco Malfoy.

"Hal, isn't that the book that gives you all the information on veelas?" Harry asked his sister in low-key

"Yes it is, but why would he be....Why that no good snake!" Hally seethed storming into the family library after Draco.

Draco was just getting into the book when Hally snatched the thick book out of his hands.

"Hey...Oh! Hello there little Potter. Did you like making your soul mate here happy with all those gifts?" Draco asked her with an evil grin on his face as he watched Hally's face go from anger to a slight pale shock before his very eyes.

A/N: That is all for chapter 16. see you in chapter 17, bye for now.

## Chapter 17

"Well little Potter? I am waiting for your answer, although that look on your face is priceless enough." Draco Malfoy grinned evilly. He sat back in his chair with a look on his face like when a snake had just caught its prey.

Hally was just about to give him a lecture when her big brother Harry came inside the family library, giving the platinum-blonde-boy glares.

"I don't recall them being gifts to you Malfoy." Hally answered stiffly. She looked down at the page that Draco was reading, coming across the section that he was interested in.

"Well now, that book says otherwise little Potter." Draco smirked triumphantly at Hally.

"Whether it does or not Malfoy, I don't think Hal meant those packages as gifts to you." Harry commented with a stone face.

Draco looked Harry's way. "You don't think so Potter? Then read what it says on that page your sister is reading right now." Draco simply said.

Harry narrowed his eyes suspiciously towards Draco, before taking a few steps to where his twin sister stood. He leaned slightly over Hally's right shoulder, reading the contents inside the thick book that she held in her hands. When he was finished, he looked up to see his little sister's face go a bit paler.

"Hal!" Harry cried out in sheer surprise.

"I can just hide right about now." Hally mumble in misery.

Draco stood up taking the book back to continue his research. "Oh by the way little Potter, Thank you for all those gifts. I'll be sure to wear them during the weekends at school and as much as possible before summer ends." He sniggered, taking his seat once more. Hally started to go across the table that was between the three after Draco Malfoy, when Harry grabbed her swiftly knowing that the boy was done for if his little sister had gotten a hold of him.

"Let me go Harry! I want to wipe that smug look off his face!" Hally exclaimed, struggling within her big brother's grasp.

"No Hal, he is not worth getting into trouble for." Harry told her, putting a stronger grip around her arms.

"Come on little Potter. Give me a kiss right on the lips here." Draco Malfoy grinned evilly, watching both twins from where he sat.

Hally ceased her struggling at that moment after hearing Draco Malfoy's comment.

"You wish that I would give you a kiss Malfoy." Hally spat out, hearing sniggers, cackles and laughter from the rest of the Slytherins who were staying as hers and Harry's guests.

Draco merely shrugged his shoulders. "I can make due for now from the last kiss I had gotten from you little Potter, but can you make due without another one of my....bites would be the question." Draco pointed out.

Harry bursted out laughing along with the other Slytherins who was still standing in the door way, watching the scene go down between the two. Harry let go of his sister seeing her lean on their side of the table.

"I know I can Malfoy...," Hally looked up at the clock inside the library, noticing what time it was. "Now I'm running late on getting ready for my date with Victor." She announced, moving away from the table, but not before she seen the smug look go off of Draco Malfoy's face as fast as it went on.

"Are you actually going to let her go out with Krum, Potter?" Draco Malfoy demanded his question to Harry, who started to grin from ear to ear.

"I sure am Malfoy. Better hurry Hal, you don't want to be late." Harry grinned evilly at him.

The rest of the Slytherins stepped out of the way, allowing Hally to walk out of their family library. They all watched her run out of the main parlor to go get ready for her date. Draco Malfoy, however, banged his fist on the table after realizing that he had lost that round. Harry started to walk out of the library a minute later.

"Looks like you lost again Malfoy." Harry sniggered at the platinumblonde-boy.

"She is not going to win Potter! Sooner or later, your sister is going to lose in this one!" Draco called out after him.

"Maybe, but not today Malfoy." Harry called back at him, leaving with the other boys while the girls hurried upstairs to help Hally out if necessary.

The boys were gathered inside the twins' private parlor listening to the girls giggling inside Hally's bedroom. Harry simply rolled his eyes, grinning over the commotion. Flint playful swatted Harry on the leg with a wizarding magazine to get his attention.

"You do realize that Draco is going to take this situation another step up don't you Lord Hex?" Flint enquired

"Yes we both know, but it doesn't hurt to try." Harry answered him with a wide grin on his face.

Meanwhile inside Hally's bedroom, the girls were rummaging in Hally's wardrobe, chatting away on what they thought would be great for Hally to wear on her first date with Victor Krum. Maryanne held up a powder blue dress robe that Hally recieved on hers and Harry's birthday the year before.

"I'm not wearing that. I am so not wearing that." Hally shook her head grinning at the blonde-girl.

"But its pretty Hally...,"

"Yeah and its powder blue and that was what I had gotten from Malfoy last year for my birthday." Hally informed her.

Maryanne dropped it immediately. "Oh eww! What was he thinking...,"

"More like Mrs. Malfoy. She picked it out. I was going to have the color changed, but I didn't have time last year to do it...I can have Screech get one of the house elves here to change the color." Hally replied.

Hally picked up the dress robe and pracitcally shoved it to the back of her wardrobe. "There. Out of sight, out of mind." She grinned turning to the other girls.

"Hally, you are so bad." Blaise laughed

"Who me? When have I ever been bad?" Hally questioned, feigning innocence.

Maryanne grabbed another outfit. "How about this one Hally?" She asked, lifting the outfit up for Hally to see.

Hally looked at the outfit, pondering. "Hmm...It could work." Hally said thoughtfully. She rummaged through her wardrobe once more, deciding on what pair of shoes she wanted to wear with the outfit...her brand new low heeled boots or her brand new pair of high top shoes.

She decided on her new low heeled boots after it almost took her five minutes to decide.

"I swear I am starting to act like that googily eyed Pinky Pansy Parkinson. I have got to get a grip here." Hally rambled out to the girls.

Blaise flopped down on the foot of Hally's bed. "I don't know Hally, I think that your just being yourself here. Pansy takes hours to even get dressed in the mornings, we've all seen it in our dorm." She commented.

The other girls nodded their heads in agreement. Hally raised her eyebrows up in surprise.

"Really? Thank gods that I am not her then." Hally replied, grabbing a pair of her silver ankle socks.

Millicent Bullstrode looked up from one of Hally's latest wizard fashion magazines. "She can be a pain in the arse." She grinned, then looked at Hally seriously. "Just wondering here, but is Granger going to be coming to your and Harry's first birthday party here?"

Hally turned to look at the other Slytherin girls. "Would there be a problem if she did come?" She enquired.

"No, we like her actually, but she can be a little too smart like..."

"Me perhaps? Milli don't worry about it. Mione knows how to relax, especially when she is around Harry and myself." Hally grinned

"I didn't mean like you Hally, I meant like a book from cover to cover." Millicent grinned back

"I know she can sound like a book at times, but that is one of Hermione's qualities that I like about her. She has a brain, unlike Malfoy's own relative Ron Weasley...which I have a feeling that we will have to keep him on his toes again over his homework...Fred, George, Percy and Ginny has way better grades than Ron does." Hally informed them before they all started laughing.

"I like Ginny, who knew that she had spunk. When she joined in on that prank we did on Ron when we left for the summer, we were completely surprised." Millicent Bullstrode cackled out.

Hally blinked her eyes at the girls, not knowing what they were talking about. "Prank? What prank, and when did this take place?" Hally asked them.

"Oh that's right, you and Harry leaves the school with your dad. Well it was when we were all heading back to Kings Cross on the

Hogwarts train. It was your two best buds Fred and George Weasley's idea to get Ron one last time." Maryanne explained

"Fred and George done a prank without me and Harry?" Hally pressed with wide eyes.

"Oops." Maryanne mumbled out

"I'm not angry Maryanne, just shocked a bit...so what did you all do to Ron?" Hally enquired, suddenly interested in what had happened to Ron Weasley.

"Well...its hard to explain how we all did it, but Fred and George wanted to make sure that you and Harry had copies of the prank. That was what I was for, to take picture to prove it was done." Maryanne grinned.

"So Fred and George has the pictures?" Hally asked

"No, I have them. Their here, but I left them in my guest room." Maryanne answered "I can get them if you want?"

"That's okay Maryanne. I can wait a bit longer to see them." Hally grinned, finally closing her wardrobe.

The boys continued to sit around inside the twins private parlor. The only sound that were heard was the grandfather clock ticking away the minutes along the wall that now stood in-between the twins' bedroom doors.

"Man, can girls be slow or what?" Someone blurted out from sheer boredom.

"Or what is more like it." Harry sniggered

"Its their nature to be slow. They have to make sure that they don't look hidious when they go out." Flint commented.

Hally's bedroom door flew open moments later. The boys watched the girls file out of the bedroom one by one until Hally was the last one to walk out. Harry turned around on his and his twin sister's sofallooking at her appearance.

"Took you long enough Hal." Harry teased.

"Haha very funny Harry." Hally grinned at her big brother. "So what do you think? Too much?" She asked him, turning around first before waiting for his opinion.

Harry looked her up and down, noticing the low heeled boots. "Heels Hal? Does dad know about you wearing heels?" Harry questioned his little sister.

"Yes Harry he does. He was there when I got them. He wanted to make sure the heels were not too high." Hally answered, sighing irritably.

"I don't remember seeing you..."

"It was when we all went to Diagon Alley Harry, before the potions competition." Hally replied.

"Oh! So that was why dad was being that way." Harry simply said, leaving it alone after that.

"Well I'm ready...Harry, where is Snuffles?" Hally asked suddenly

"Roaming around in the gardens Hal as usual. I think he loves it out there." Harry grinned "Our luck dragons are out there with him."

"Those two little buggers are going to be at the school again right?" Etre enquired to both twins

"Yep, they are going with dad as usual, so is Snuffles." both twins answered him.

"Filch is going to love that one." Flint cackled

"Actually I don't see why he should have a problem. Hagrid will be taking care of them during our classes." Hally replied with a mere shrug.

"Speaking of Hagrid, he sent us both something for our birthday. they've been sitting over there for a few hours now." Harry announced, pointing over at a small table where two packages were lying on.

Hally took one look at the packages before shaking her head. "I'll wait to open mine." She blurted out

"Why Hal? Hagrid sent them...."

"That half giant sent you what?" Draco questioned them, coming inside their private parlor after finishing his research in their family library.

"None of your...." "A birthday gift to me and Hal Malfoy, but why Hal wants to wait to open hers, I will never know." Harry intervened

"Harry, I have a good reason to wait on opening my birthday present from Hagrid." Hally retorted in self defense.

Draco looked at the packages that laid on the table. Before everyones eyes; Draco picked up Hally's package, tearing it open.

"Hey now Draco, you don't have her permission to do that!" Flint exclaimed.

"Put it down...oaf! Hal, why did you jab me in the ribs for?" Harry questioned his sister in surprise.

"Just watch Harry." Hally whispered to him before looking over at Flint. "Its fine Flint, I have a feeling that Malfoy is going to be...surprised at what Hagrid sent me." Hally added loudly, wearing her mask well.

Draco gave her a glance. "See Potter? I told you that she would start to realize that she will lose this one....A book? He sent you a book

little Potter?" Draco questioned, holding the book upside down to where the back cover was facing him.

Harry leaned forward slightly from curiosity after seeing a pair of eyes opening up from the book.

"Not just any book Malfoy, its called The Monster Book Of Monsters." Hally announced, grinning evilly.

"Puh! Monster Book Of Monsters, what a joke." Draco sneered, making a look of digust at the book.

Before everyone knew it, they all heard a rumbled growl, followed by seeing Draco Malfoy struggling with Hally's new book until they suddenly seen it leap out of Draco's hands, its hard cover opening wide, revealing teeth before it thrusted itself into the platinum-blonde-boy, knocking him down onto the floor and started to shred Draco Malfoy's clothes right in front of them all.

"Bloody hell!" Flint exclaimed just before he started cackling in laughter with the other Slytherins and the twins.

"Now you know why I wanted to wait until later to open that package big brother!" Hally squealed out in laughter.

Draco was having a hard time fighting the book off of him. "BLOODY HELL! SOMEONE HELP ME GET IT OFF OF ME!" He wailed out

"Not a chance Malfoy!" Harry cackled in laughter

"LITTLE POTTER, GET THIS BOOK OF YOURS OFF OF ME FOR MERLINS SAKE!" Draco wailed out

Hally chewed the bottom of her lip at first, muttered a cursed word before lending Draco Malfoy a hand by getting the Monster Book of Monsters off of him. They all watched Hally stroke the spine of the book, calming it down before grabbing hold of her new book.

"There Malfoy. Don't ever say I never done anything for you, and may you learned something about opening other peoples things again." Hally stated, putting the book away before it went after anyone else.

Draco got to his feet, looking down at his shredded shirt. "This shirt was expensive! I'm letting your father know what happened..."

"Just be sure to tell him why and how it happened Malfoy, unless of course you want everyone here to tell him theirselves." Harry intervened.

Draco glared at the twins before stalking out of their private parlor to change his shirt. Hally turned to look at her brother.

"You know? I think I just got revenge on him, and I didn't have to do a thing." Hally commented, sniggering over the scene.

"I hate to think what two of those things can do after seeing what yours done to Malfoy's shirt." Harry cackled

"Well he wanted to know what it was, and he found out....the hard way." Flint announced. He too could not stop laughing at the scene over Draco fighting a thick heavy book.

They all headed downstairs to say goodbye to Hally before she left for her date with Victor Krum.

A/N: That is all for chapter 17. See you in chapter 18 bye for now.